

# A BAR OPERATOR FOR INVOLUTIONS IN A COXETER GROUP

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## INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

**0.0.** In [LV] it was shown that the vector space spanned by the involutions in a Weyl group carries a natural Hecke algebra action and a certain bar operator. These were used in [LV] to construct a new basis of that vector space, in the spirit of [KL], and to give a refinement of the polynomials  $P_{y,w}$  of [KL] in the case where  $y, w$  were involutions in the Weyl group in the sense that  $P_{y,w}$  was split canonically as a sum of two polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbf{N}$ . However, the construction of the Hecke algebra action and that of the bar operator, although stated in elementary terms, were established in a non-elementary way. (For example, the construction of the bar operator in [LV] was done using ideas from geometry such as Verdier duality for  $l$ -adic sheaves.) In the present paper we construct the Hecke algebra action and the bar operator in an entirely elementary way, in the context of arbitrary Coxeter groups.

Let  $W$  be a Coxeter group with set of simple reflections denoted by  $S$ . Let  $l : W \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be the standard length function. For  $x \in W$  we set  $\epsilon_x = (-1)^{l(x)}$ . Let  $\leq$  be the Bruhat order on  $W$ . Let  $w \mapsto w^*$  be an automorphism of  $W$  with square 1 which leaves  $S$  stable, so that  $l(w^*) = l(w)$  for any  $w \in W$ . Let  $\mathbf{I}_* = \{w \in W; w^{*-1} = w\}$ . (We write  $w^{*-1}$  instead of  $(w^*)^{-1}$ .) The elements of  $\mathbf{I}_*$  are said to be *\*-twisted involutions* of  $W$ .

Let  $u$  be an indeterminate and let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{Z}[u, u^{-1}]$ . Let  $\mathfrak{H}$  be the free  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with basis  $(T_w)_{w \in W}$  with the unique  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra structure with unit  $T_1$  such that

- (i)  $T_w T_{w'} = T_{ww'}$  if  $l(ww') = l(w) + l(w')$  and
- (ii)  $(T_s + 1)(T_s - u^2) = 0$  for all  $s \in S$ .

This is an Iwahori-Hecke algebra. (In [LV], the notation  $\mathfrak{H}'$  is used instead of  $\mathfrak{H}$ .)

Let  $M$  be the free  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with basis  $\{a_w; w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$ . We have the following result which, in the special case where  $W$  is a Weyl group or an affine Weyl group, was proved in [LV] (the general case was stated there without proof).

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**Theorem 0.1.** *There is a unique  $\mathfrak{H}$ -module structure on  $M$  such that for any  $s \in S$  and any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have*

- (i)  $T_s a_w = u a_w + (u+1) a_{sw}$  if  $sw = ws^* > w$ ;
- (ii)  $T_s a_w = (u^2 - u - 1) a_w + (u^2 - u) a_{sw}$  if  $sw = ws^* < w$ ;
- (iii)  $T_s a_w = a_{sws^*}$  if  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ ;
- (iv)  $T_s a_w = (u^2 - 1) a_w + u^2 a_{sws^*}$  if  $sw \neq ws^* < w$ .

The proof is given in §2 after some preparation in §1.

Let  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}$  be the unique ring involution such that  $\overline{u^n T_x} = u^{-n} T_{x^{-1}}^{-1}$  for any  $x \in W, n \in \mathbf{Z}$  (see [KL]). We have the following result.

**Theorem 0.2.** (a) *There exists a unique  $\mathbf{Z}$ -linear map  $\bar{\cdot} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\overline{hm} = \bar{h}\bar{m}$  for all  $h \in \mathfrak{H}, m \in M$  and  $\overline{a_1} = a_1$ . For any  $m \in M$  we have  $\overline{\overline{m}} = m$ .*

(b) *For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $\overline{a_w} = \epsilon_w T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} a_{w^{-1}}$ .*

The proof is given in §3. Note that (a) was conjectured in [LV] and proved there in the special case where  $W$  is a Weyl group or an affine Weyl group; (b) is new even when  $W$  is a Weyl group or affine Weyl group.

**0.3.** Let  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} = \mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$  where  $v$  is an indeterminate. We view  $\mathcal{A}$  as a subring of  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  by setting  $u = v^2$ . Let  $\underline{M} = \underline{\mathcal{A}} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M$ . We can view  $M$  as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule of  $\underline{M}$ . We extend  $\bar{\cdot} : M \rightarrow M$  to a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -linear map  $\bar{\cdot} : \underline{M} \rightarrow \underline{M}$  in such a way that  $\overline{v^n m} = v^{-n} \bar{m}$  for  $m \in M, n \in \mathbf{Z}$ . For each  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we set  $a'_w = v^{-l(w)} a_w \in \underline{M}$ . Note that  $\{a'_w; w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$  is an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -basis of  $\underline{M}$ . Let  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_{\leq 0} = \mathbf{Z}[v^{-1}]$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_{< 0} = v^{-1} \mathbf{Z}[v^{-1}]$ ,  $\underline{M}_{\leq 0} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*} \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{\leq 0} a'_w \subset \underline{M}$ ,  $\underline{M}_{< 0} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*} \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{< 0} a'_w \subset \underline{M}$ .

Let  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}} = \underline{\mathcal{A}} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{H}$ . This is naturally an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -algebra containing  $\mathfrak{H}$  as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -subalgebra. Note that the  $\mathfrak{H}$ -module structure on  $M$  extends by  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -linearity to an  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module structure on  $\underline{M}$ . We denote by  $\bar{\cdot} : \underline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  the ring involution such that  $\overline{v^n} = v^{-n}$  for  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We denote by  $\bar{\cdot} : \underline{\mathfrak{H}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  the ring involution such that  $\overline{v^n T_x} = v^{-n} T_{x^{-1}}^{-1}$  for  $n \in \mathbf{Z}, x \in W$ . We have the following result which in the special case where  $W$  is a Weyl group or an affine Weyl group the theorem is proved in [LV, 0.3].

**Theorem 0.4.** (a) *For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  there is a unique element*

$$A_w = v^{-l(w)} \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} P_{y,w}^{\sigma} a_y \in \underline{M}$$

( $P_{y,w}^{\sigma} \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$ ) such that  $\overline{A_w} = A_w$ ,  $P_{w,w}^{\sigma} = 1$  and for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $y < w$ , we have  $\deg P_{y,w}^{\sigma} \leq (l(w) - l(y) - 1)/2$ .

(b) *The elements  $A_w$  ( $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ) form an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -basis of  $\underline{M}$ .*

The proof is given in §4.

**0.5.** As an application of our study of the bar operator we give (in 4.7) an explicit description of the Möbius function of the partially ordered set  $(\mathbf{I}_*, \leq)$ ; we show that it has values in  $\{1, -1\}$ . This description of the Möbius function is used to show

that the constant term of  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  is 1, see 4.10. In §5 we study the " $K$ -spherical" submodule  $\underline{M}^K$  of  $\underline{M}$  (where  $K$  is a subset of  $S$  which generates a finite subgroup  $W_K$  of  $S$ ). In 5.6(f) we show that  $\underline{M}^K$  contains any element  $A_w$  where  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  has maximal length in  $W_K w W_K^*$ . This result is used in §6 to describe the action of  $u^{-1}(T_s + 1)$  (with  $s \in S$ ) in the basis  $(A_w)$  by supplying an elementary substitute for a geometric argument in [LV], see Theorem 6.3 which was proved earlier in [LV] for the case where  $W$  is a Weyl group. In 7.7 we give an inversion formula for the polynomials  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  (for finite  $W$ ) which involves the Möbius function above and the polynomials analogous to  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  with  $*$  replaced by its composition with the opposition automorphism of  $W$ . In §8 we formulate a conjecture (see 8.4) relating  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  for certain twisted involutions  $y, w$  in an affine Weyl group to the  $q$ -analogues of weight multiplicities in [L1]. In §9 we show that for  $y \leq w$  in  $\mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  is equal to the polynomial  $P_{y,w}$  of [KL] plus an element in  $2\mathbf{Z}[u]$ . This follows from [LV] in the case where  $W$  is a Weyl group.

**0.6. Notation.** If  $\Pi$  is a property we set  $\delta_\Pi = 1$  if  $\Pi$  is true and  $\delta_\Pi = 0$  if  $\Pi$  is false. We write  $\delta_{x,y}$  instead of  $\delta_{x=y}$ . For  $s \in S, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we sometimes set  $s \bullet w = sw$  if  $sw = ws^*$  and  $s \bullet w = sws^*$  if  $sw \neq ws^*$ ; note that  $s \bullet w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ .

For any  $s \in S, t \in S, t \neq s$  let  $m_{s,t} = m_{t,s} \in [2, \infty]$  be the order of  $st$ . For any subset  $K$  of  $S$  let  $W_K$  be the subgroup of  $W$  generated by  $K$ . If  $J \subset K$  are subsets of  $S$  we set  $W_K^J = \{w \in W_K; l(wy) > l(w) \text{ for any } y \in W_J - \{1\}\}$ ,  ${}^J W_K = \{w \in W_K; l(yw) > l(w) \text{ for any } y \in W_J - \{1\}\}$ ; note that  ${}^J W_K = (W_K^J)^{-1}$ . For any subset  $K$  of  $S$  such that  $W_K$  is finite we denote by  $w_K$  the unique element of maximal length of  $W_K$ .

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## 1. INVOLUTIONS AND DOUBLE COSETS

**1.1.** Let  $K, K'$  be two subsets of  $S$  such that  $W_K, W_{K'}$  are finite and let  $\Omega$  be a  $(W_K, W_{K'})$ -double coset in  $W$ . Let  $b$  be the unique element of minimal length of  $\Omega$ . Let  $J = K \cap (bK'b^{-1})$ ,  $J' = (b^{-1}Kb) \cap K'$  so that  $b^{-1}Jb = J'$  hence  $b^{-1}W_J b = W_{J'}$ . If  $x \in \Omega$  then  $x = cbd$  where  $c \in W_K^J$ ,  $d \in W_{K'}$  are uniquely determined; moreover,  $l(x) = l(c) + l(b) + l(d)$ , see Kilmoyer [Ki, Prop. 29]. We can write uniquely  $d = zc'$  where  $z \in W_{J'}, c' \in {}^{J'} W_{K'}$ ; moreover,  $l(d) = l(z) + l(c')$ . Thus we have

$x = cbzc'$  where  $c \in W_K^J$ ,  $z \in W_{J'}$ ,  $c' \in {}^{J'}W_{K'}$  are uniquely determined; moreover,  $l(x) = l(c) + l(b) + l(z) + l(c')$ . Note that  $\tilde{b} := w_K w_J b w_{K'}$  is the unique element of maximal length of  $\Omega$ ; we have  $l(\tilde{b}) = l(w_K) + l(b) + l(w_{K'}) - l(w_J)$ .

**1.2.** Now assume in addition that  $K' = K^*$  and that  $\Omega$  is stable under  $w \mapsto w^{*-1}$ . Then  $b^{*-1} \in \Omega$ ,  $\tilde{b}^{*-1} \in \Omega$ ,  $l(b^{*-1}) = l(b)$ ,  $l(\tilde{b}^{*-1}) = l(\tilde{b})$ , and by uniqueness we have  $b^{*-1} = b$ ,  $\tilde{b}^{*-1} = \tilde{b}$ , that is,  $b \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $\tilde{b} \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . Also we have  $J^* = K^* \cap (b^{-1}Kb) = J'$  hence  $W_{J'} = (W_J)^*$ . If  $x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*$ , then writing  $x = cbzc'$  as in 1.1 we have  $x = x^{*-1} = c'^{*-1}b(b^{-1}z^{*-1}b)c^{*-1}$  where  $c'^{*-1} \in ({}^JW_K)^{-1} = W_K^J$ ,  $c^{*-1} \in (W_{K^*}^{J^*})^{-1} = {}^{J^*}W_{K^*}$ ,  $b^{-1}z^{*-1}b \in b^{-1}W_Jb = W_{J^*}$ . By the uniqueness of  $c, z, c'$ , we must have  $c'^{*-1} = c$ ,  $c^{*-1} = c'$ ,  $b^{-1}z^{*-1}b = z$ . Conversely, if  $c \in W_K^J$ ,  $z \in W_{J^*}$ ,  $c' \in {}^{J^*}W_{K^*}$  are such that  $c'^{*-1} = c$  (hence  $c^{*-1} = c'$ ) and  $b^{-1}z^{*-1}b = z$  then clearly  $cbzc' \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*$ . Note that  $y \mapsto b^{-1}y^*b$  is an automorphism  $\tau : W_{J^*} \rightarrow W_{J^*}$  which leaves  $J^*$  stable and satisfies  $\tau^2 = 1$ . Hence  $\mathbf{I}_\tau := \{y \in W_{J^*}; \tau(y)^{-1} = y\}$  is well defined. We see that we have a bijection

$$(a) \quad W_K^J \times \mathbf{I}_\tau \rightarrow \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*, (c, z) \mapsto cbzc^{*-1}.$$

**1.3.** In the setup of 1.2 we assume that  $s \in S$ ,  $K = \{s\}$ , so that  $K' = \{s^*\}$ . In this case we have either

$$\begin{aligned} sb = bs^*, J = \{s\}, \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* &= \{b, bs^* = \tilde{b}\}, l(bs^*) = l(b) + 1, \text{ or} \\ sb \neq bs^*, J = \emptyset, \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* &= \{b, sb s^* = \tilde{b}\}, l(sbs^*) = l(b) + 2. \end{aligned}$$

**1.4.** In the setup of 1.2 we assume that  $s \in S, t \in S, t \neq s$ ,  $m := m_{s,t} < \infty$ ,  $K = \{s, t\}$ , so that  $K^* = \{s^*, t^*\}$ . We set  $\beta = l(b)$ . For  $i \in [1, m]$  we set  $\mathbf{s}_i = sts \dots$  ( $i$  factors),  $\mathbf{t}_i = tst \dots$  ( $i$  factors).

We are in one of the following cases (note that we have  $sb = bt^*$  if and only if  $tb = bs^*$ , since  $b^{*-1} = b$ ).

(i)  $\{sb, tb\} \cap \{bs^*, bt^*\} = \emptyset$ ,  $J = \emptyset$ ,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_{2i}, \xi'_{2i} (i \in [0, m])\}$ ,  $\xi_0 = \xi'_0 = b$ ,  $\xi_{2m} = \xi'_{2m} = \tilde{b}$  where  $\xi_{2i} = \mathbf{s}_i^{-1}bs_i^*$ ,  $\xi'_{2i} = \mathbf{t}_i^{-1}bt_i^*$ ,  $l(\xi_{2i}) = l(\xi'_{2i}) = \beta + 2i$ .

(ii)  $sb = bs^*$ ,  $tb \neq bt^*$ ,  $J = \{s\}$ ,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_{2i}, \xi_{2i+1} (i \in [0, m-1])\}$  where  $\xi_{2i} = \mathbf{t}_i^{-1}bt_i^*$ ,  $l(\xi_{2i}) = \beta + 2i$ ,  $\xi_{2i+1} = \mathbf{t}_i^{-1}bs_{i+1}^* = \mathbf{s}_{i+1}^{-1}bt_{i+1}^*$ ,  $l(\xi_{2i+1}) = \beta + 2i + 1$ ,  $\xi_0 = b$ ,  $\xi_{2m-1} = \tilde{b}$ .

(iii)  $sb \neq bs^*$ ,  $tb = bt^*$ ,  $J = \{t\}$ ,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_{2i}, \xi_{2i+1} (i \in [0, m-1])\}$  where  $\xi_{2i} = \mathbf{s}_i^{-1}bs_i^*$ ,  $l(\xi_{2i}) = \beta + 2i$ ,  $\xi_{2i+1} = \mathbf{s}_i^{-1}bt_{i+1}^* = \mathbf{t}_{i+1}^{-1}bs_{i+1}^*$ ,  $l(\xi_{2i+1}) = \beta + 2i + 1$ ,  $\xi_0 = b$ ,  $\xi_{2m-1} = \tilde{b}$ .

(iv)  $sb = bs^*$ ,  $tb = bt^*$ ,  $J = K$ ,  $m$  odd,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_0 = \xi'_0 = b, \xi_{2i+1}, \xi'_{2i+1} (i \in [0, (m-1)/2])\}$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = \tilde{b}$  where  $\xi_1 = sb$ ,  $\xi_3 = tstb$ ,  $\xi_5 = ststsb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $x'_1 = tb$ ,  $x'_3 = stsb$ ,  $x'_5 = tststb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $l(\xi_{2i+1}) = l(\xi'_{2i+1}) = \beta + 2i + 1$ .

(v)  $sb = bs^*$ ,  $tb = bt^*$ ,  $J = K$ ,  $m$  even,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_0 = \xi'_0 = b, \xi_{2i+1}, \xi'_{2i+1} (i \in [0, (m-2)/2])\}$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = \tilde{b}$  where  $\xi_1 = sb$ ,  $\xi_3 = tstb$ ,  $\xi_5 = ststsb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $\xi'_1 = tb$ ,  $\xi'_3 = stsb$ ,  $\xi'_5 = tststb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $l(\xi_{2i+1}) = l(\xi'_{2i+1}) = \beta + 2i + 1$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = bs_m^* = bt_m^* = \mathbf{s}_m b = \mathbf{t}_m b$ ,  $l(\xi_m) = l(\xi'_m) = \beta + m$ .

(vi)  $sb = bt^*$ ,  $tb = bs^*$ ,  $J = K$ ,  $m$  odd,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_0 = \xi'_0 = b, \xi_{2i}, \xi'_{2i} (i \in [0, (m-1)/2])\}$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = \tilde{b}$  where  $\xi_2 = stb$ ,  $\xi_4 = tstsb$ ,  $\xi_6 = stststb$ ,  $\dots$ ;

$\xi'_2 = tsb$ ,  $\xi'_4 = ststb$ ,  $\xi'_6 = tststsb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $l(\xi_{2i}) = l(\xi'_{2i}) = \beta + 2i$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = bs_m^* = bt_m^* = \mathbf{t}_m b = \mathbf{s}_m b$ ,  $l(\xi_m) = l(\xi'_m) = \beta + m$ .

(vii)  $sb = bt^*$ ,  $tb = bs^*$ ,  $J = K$ ,  $m$  even,  $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_* = \{\xi_0 = \xi'_0 = b, \xi_{2i}, \xi'_{2i} (i \in [0, m/2])\}$ ,  $\xi_m = \xi'_m = \tilde{b}$  where  $\xi_2 = stb$ ,  $\xi_4 = tstsb$ ,  $\xi_6 = ststsb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $\xi'_2 = tsb$ ,  $\xi'_4 = ststb$ ,  $\xi'_6 = tststsb$ ,  $\dots$ ;  $l(\xi_{2i}) = l(\xi'_{2i}) = \beta + 2i$ .

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 0.1

**2.1.** Let  $\dot{M} = \mathbf{Q}(u) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M$  (a  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -vector space with basis  $\{a_w, w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$ ). Let  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}} = \mathbf{Q}(u) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{H}$  (a  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -algebra with basis  $\{T_w; w \in W\}$  defined by the relations 0.0(i),(ii)). The product of a sequence  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  of  $k$  elements of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$  is sometimes denoted by  $(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots)_k$ . It is well known that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$  is the associative  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -algebra (with 1) with generators  $T_s (s \in S)$  and relations 0.0(ii) and

$$(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m \text{ for any } s \neq t \text{ in } S \text{ such that } m := m_{s,t} < \infty.$$

For  $s \in S$  we set  $\overset{\circ}{T}_s = (u+1)^{-1}(T_s - u) \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ . Note that  $T_s, \overset{\circ}{T}_s$  are invertible in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ : we have  $\overset{\circ}{T}_s^{-1} = (u^2 - u)^{-1}(T_s + 1 + u - u^2)$ .

**2.2.** For any  $s \in S$  we define a  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -linear map  $T_s : \dot{M} \rightarrow \dot{M}$  by the formulas in 0.1(i)-(iv). For  $s \in S$  we also define a  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -linear map  $\overset{\circ}{T}_s : \dot{M} \rightarrow \dot{M}$  by  $\overset{\circ}{T}_s = (u+1)^{-1}(T_s - u)$ . For  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have:

$$(i) \ a_{sw} = \overset{\circ}{T}_s a_w \text{ if } sw = ws^* > w; \ a_{sws} = T_s a_w \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* > w.$$

**2.3.** To prove Theorem 0.1 it is enough to show that the formulas 0.1(i)-(iv) define an  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module structure on  $\dot{M}$ .

Let  $s \in S$ . To verify that  $(T_s + 1)(T_s - u^2) = 0$  on  $\dot{M}$  it is enough to note that the  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u & u+1 \\ u^2-u & u^2-u-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ u^2 & u^2-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which represent  $T_s$  on the subspace of  $\dot{M}$  spanned by  $a_w, a_{sw}$  (with  $w \in \mathbf{I}$ ,  $sw = ws^* > w$ ) or by  $a_w, a_{sws^*}$  (with  $w \in \mathbf{I}$ ,  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ ) have eigenvalues  $-1, u^2$ .

Assume now that  $s \neq t$  in  $S$  are such that  $m := m_{s,t} < \infty$ . It remains to verify the equality  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m : \dot{M} \rightarrow \dot{M}$ . We must show that  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m a_w = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m a_w$  for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . We will do this by reducing the general case to calculations in a dihedral group.

Let  $K = \{s, t\}$ , so that  $K^* = \{s^*, t^*\}$ . Let  $\Omega$  be the  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset in  $W$  that contains  $w$ . From the definitions it is clear that the subspace  $\dot{M}_\Omega$  of  $\dot{M}$  spanned by  $\{a_{w'}; w' \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*\}$  is stable under  $T_s$  and  $T_t$ . Hence it is enough to show that

(a)  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m \mu = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m \mu$  for any  $\mu \in \dot{M}_\Omega$ .

Since  $w^{*-1} = w$  we see that  $w' \mapsto w'^{*-1}$  maps  $\Omega$  into itself. Thus  $\Omega$  is as in 1.2 and we are in one of the cases (i)-(vii) in 1.4. The proof of (a) in the various cases is given in 2.4-2.10. Let  $b \in \Omega$ ,  $J \subset K$  be as in 1.2. Let  $\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{t}_i$  be as in 1.4.

Let  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  be the subspace of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$  spanned by  $\{T_y; y \in W_K\}$ ; note that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  is a  $\mathbf{Q}(u)$ -subalgebra of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ .

**2.4.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(i). We define an isomorphism of vector spaces  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K \rightarrow \dot{M}_\Omega$  by  $T_c \mapsto a_{cbc^{*-1}}$  ( $c \in W_K$ ). From definitions we have  $T_s \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_s T_c)$ ,  $T_t \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_t T_c)$  for any  $c \in W_K$ . It follows that for any  $x \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  we have  $T_s \Phi(x) = \Phi(T_s x)$ ,  $T_t \Phi(x) = \Phi(T_t x)$ , hence  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m \Phi(x) - (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m \Phi(x) = \Phi((T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m x - (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m x) = 0$ . (We use that  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m$  in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ .) Since  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism we deduce that 2.3(a) holds in our case.

Assume that we are in case 1.4(ii). We define  $r, r'$  by  $r = s$ ,  $r' = t$  if  $m$  is odd,  $r = t$ ,  $r' = s$  if  $m$  is even. We have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\xi_0} &\xrightarrow{T_t} a_{\xi_2} \xrightarrow{T_s} a_{\xi_4} \xrightarrow{T_t} \dots \xrightarrow{T_r} a_{\xi_{2m-2}}, \\ a_{\xi_1} &\xrightarrow{T_t} a_{\xi_3} \xrightarrow{T_s} a_{\xi_5} \xrightarrow{T_s} \dots \xrightarrow{T_r} a_{\xi_{2m-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $s\xi_0 = \xi_0 s^* = \xi_1$  hence  $a_{\xi_0} \xrightarrow{T_s} ua_{\xi_0} + (u+1)a_{\xi_1}$ . We show that

$$r'\xi_{2m-2} = \xi_{2m-2} r'^* = \xi_{2m-1}$$

We have  $r'\xi_{2m-2} = \dots t s b t^* s^* t^* \dots$  where the product to the left (resp. right) of  $b$  has  $m$  (resp.  $m-1$ ) factors). Using the definition of  $m$  and the identity  $sb = bs^*$  we deduce  $r'\xi_{2m-2} = \dots s t s b t^* s^* t^* \dots = \dots s t b s^* t^* s^* \dots$  (in the last expression the product to the left (resp. right) of  $b$  has  $m-1$  (resp.  $m$ ) factors). Thus  $r'\xi_{2m-2} = \xi_{2m-1}$ . Using again the definition of  $m$  we have  $\xi_{2m-1} = \dots s t b t^* s^* t^* \dots$  where the product to the left (resp. right) of  $b$  has  $m-1$  (resp.  $m$ ) factors. Thus  $\xi_{2m-1} = \xi_{2m-2} r'^*$  as required.

We deduce that

$$a_{\xi_{2m-2}} \xrightarrow{T_{r'}} ua_{\xi_{2m-2}} + (u+1)a_{\xi_{2m-1}}.$$

We set  $a'_{\xi_1} = ua_{\xi_0} + (u+1)a_{\xi_1}$ ,  $a'_{\xi_3} = ua_{\xi_2} + (u+1)a_{\xi_3}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $a'_{\xi_{2m-1}} = ua_{\xi_{2m-2}} + (u+1)a_{\xi_{2m-1}}$ . Note that  $a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi_2}, a_{\xi_4}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m-2}}$  together with  $a'_{\xi_1}, a'_{\xi_3}, \dots, a'_{\xi_{2m-1}}$  form a basis of  $\dot{M}_\Omega$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\xi_0} &\xrightarrow{T_t} a_{\xi_2} \xrightarrow{T_s} a_{\xi_4} \xrightarrow{T_t} \dots \xrightarrow{T_r} a_{\xi_{2m-2}} \xrightarrow{T_{r'}} a'_{\xi_{2m-1}} \\ a_{\xi_1} &\xrightarrow{T_s} a'_{\xi_1} \xrightarrow{T_t} a'_{\xi_3} \xrightarrow{T_s} a'_{\xi_5} \xrightarrow{T_s} \dots \xrightarrow{T_r} a'_{\xi_{2m-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

We define an isomorphism of vector spaces  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K \rightarrow \dot{M}_\Omega$  by  $1 \mapsto a_{\xi_0}$ ,  $T_t \mapsto a_{\xi_2}$ ,  $T_s T_t \mapsto a_{\xi_4}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $T_r \dots T_s T_t \mapsto a_{\xi_{2m-2}}$  (the product has  $m-1$  factors),  $T_s \mapsto a'_{\xi_1}$ ,  $T_t T_s \mapsto a'_{\xi_3}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $T_r \dots T_t T_s \mapsto a'_{\xi_{2m-1}}$  (the product has  $m$  factors). From definitions for any  $c \in W_K$  we have

- (a)  $T_s \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_s T_c)$  if  $sc > c$ ,  $T_t \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_t T_c)$  if  $tc > c$ ,
- (b)  $T_s^{-1} \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_s^{-1} T_c)$  if  $sc < c$ ,  $T_t^{-1} \Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_t^{-1} T_c)$  if  $tc < c$ .

Since  $T_s = u^2 T_s^{-1} + (u^2 - 1)$  both as endomorphisms of  $\dot{M}$  and as elements of

$\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$  we see that (b) implies that  $T_s\Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_sT_c)$  if  $sc < c$ . Thus  $T_s\Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_sT_c)$  for any  $c \in W_K$ . Similarly,  $T_t\Phi(T_c) = \Phi(T_tT_c)$  for any  $c \in W_K$ . It follows that for any  $x \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  we have  $T_s\Phi(x) = \Phi(T_sx)$ ,  $T_t\Phi(x) = \Phi(T_tx)$ , hence  $(T_sT_tT_s\ldots)\Phi(x) - (T_tT_sT_t\ldots)\Phi(x) = \Phi((T_sT_tT_s\ldots)x - (T_tT_sT_t\ldots)x) = 0$  where the products  $T_sT_tT_s\ldots, T_tT_sT_t\ldots$  have  $m$  factors. (We use that  $T_sT_tT_s\ldots = T_tT_sT_t\ldots$  in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ .) Since  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism we deduce that  $(T_sT_tT_s\ldots)\mu - (T_tT_sT_t\ldots)\mu = 0$  for any  $\mu \in \dot{M}_\Omega$ . Hence 2.3(a) holds in our case.

**2.5.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(iii). By the argument in case 1.4(ii) with  $s, t$  interchanged we see that (a) holds in our case.

**2.6.** Assume that we are in one of the cases 1.4(iv)-(vii). We have  $J = K$  that is,  $K = bK^*b^{-1}$ . We have  $\Omega = W_Kb = bW_{K^*}$ . Define  $m' \geq 1$  by  $m = 2m' + 1$  if  $m$  is odd,  $m = 2m'$  if  $m$  is even. Define  $s', t'$  by  $s' = s, t' = t$  if  $m'$  is even,  $s' = t, t' = s$  if  $m'$  is odd.

**2.7.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(iv). We define some elements of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_0 &= T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'}} + (1 + u - u^2)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-1}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-1}}) \\ &\quad + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-2}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-2}}) + \ldots \\ &\quad + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4 + u^5 - \ldots + (-1)^{m'-2}u^{2m'-4} + (-1)^{m'-2}u^{2m'-3} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m'-1}u^{2m'-2})(T_{\mathbf{s}_1} + T_{\mathbf{t}_1}) \\ &\quad + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4 + u^5 - \ldots + (-1)^{m'-1}u^{2m'-2} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m'-1}u^{2m'-1} + (-1)^{m'}u^{2m'}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_1 = \overset{\circ}{T}_s\eta_0, \eta_3 = T_t\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_{2m'-1} = T_{t'}\eta_{2m'-3}, \eta_{2m'+1} = T_{s'}\eta_{2m'-1},$$

$$\eta'_1 = \overset{\circ}{T}_t\eta_0, \eta'_3 = T_s\eta'_1, \ldots, \eta'_{2m'-1} = T_{s'}\eta'_{2m'-3}, \eta'_{2m'+1} = T_{t'}\eta'_{2m'-1}.$$

For example if  $m = 7$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_0 &= T_{sts} + T_{tst} + (1 + u - u^2)T_{ts} + (1 + u - u^2)T_{st} + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4)T_s \\ &\quad + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4)T_t + (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4 + u^5 - u^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{stst} - uT_{tst} + (-u + u^3)T_{ts} + (-u + u^3)T_{st} + (-u + 2u^3 - u^5)T_s \\ &\quad + (-u + 2u^3 - u^5)T_t + (-u + 2u^3 - 2u^5 + u^7)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta'_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{tsts} - uT_{sts} + (-u + u^3)T_{ts} + (-u + u^3)T_{st} + (-u + 2u^3 - u^5)T_s \\ &\quad + (-u + 2u^3 - u^5)T_t + (-u + 2u^3 - 2u^5 + u^7)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta_3 &= (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tstst} - u^3T_{st} + (-u^3 + u^5)T_s + (-u^3 + u^5)T_t + (-u^3 + 2u^5 - u^7)), \\
\eta'_3 &= (u+1)^{-1}(T_{ststs} - u^3T_{ts} + (-u^3 + u^5)T_s + (-u^3 + u^5)T_t + (-u^3 + 2u^5 - u^7)), \\
\eta_5 &= (u+1)^{-1}(T_{ststst} - u^5T_t + (-u^5 + u^7)), \\
\eta'_5 &= (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tststs} - u^5T_s + (-u^5 + u^7)), \\
\eta_7 &= \eta'_7 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{stststs} - u^7).
\end{aligned}$$

One checks by direct computation in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  that

$$(a) \quad \eta_m = \eta'_m = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{\mathbf{s}_m} - u^m)$$

and that the elements  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \eta'_1, \eta_3, \eta'_3, \dots, \eta_{2m'-1}, \eta'_{2m'-1}, \eta_m$  are linearly independent in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ ; they span a subspace of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  denoted by  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . From (a) we deduce:

$$(b) \quad (T_{s'}T_{t'}T_{s'} \dots T_tT_sT_t\overset{\circ}{T}_s)_{m'+1}\eta_0 = (T_{t'}T_{s'}T_{t'} \dots T_sT_tT_s\overset{\circ}{T}_t)_{m'+1}\eta_0.$$

We have

$$\overset{\circ}{T}_s^{-1}\eta_1 = \eta_0, T_t^{-1}\eta_3 = \eta_1, \dots, T_{t'}^{-1}\eta_{2m'-1} = \eta_{2m'-3}, T_{s'}^{-1}\eta_{2m'+1} = \eta_{2m'-1},$$

$$\overset{\circ}{T}_t^{-1}\eta'_1 = \eta_0, T_s^{-1}\eta'_3 = \eta'_1, \dots, T_{s'}^{-1}\eta'_{2m'-1} = \eta'_{2m'-3}, T_{t'}^{-1}\eta'_{2m'+1} = \eta'_{2m'-1}.$$

It follows that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$  is stable under left multiplication by  $T_s$  and  $T_t$  hence it is a left ideal of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ . From the definitions we have

$$a_{\xi_1} = \overset{\circ}{T}_s a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi_3} = T_t a_{\xi_1}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'-1}} = T_{t'} a_{\xi_{2m'-3}}, a_{\xi_{2m'+1}} = T_{s'} a_{\xi_{2m'-1}},$$

$$a_{\xi'_1} = \overset{\circ}{T}_t a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi'_3} = T_s a_{\xi'_1}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}} = T_{s'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-3}}, a_{\xi'_{2m'+1}} = T_{t'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}},$$

$$\overset{\circ}{T}_s^{-1} a_{\xi_1} = a_{\xi_0}, T_t^{-1} a_{\xi_3} = a_{\xi_1}, \dots, T_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'-1}} = a_{\xi_{2m'-3}}, T_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'+1}} = a_{\xi_{2m'-1}},$$

$$\overset{\circ}{T}_t^{-1} a_{\xi'_1} = a_{\xi_0}, T_s^{-1} a_{\xi'_3} = a_{\xi'_1}, \dots, T_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}} = a_{\xi'_{2m'-3}}, T_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'+1}} = a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}}.$$

Hence the vector space isomorphism  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} \dot{M}_\Omega$  given by  $\eta_{2i+1} \mapsto a_{\xi_{2i+1}}, \eta'_{2i+1} \mapsto a_{\xi'_{2i+1}}$  ( $i \in [0, (m-1)/2]$ ),  $\eta_0 \mapsto a_{\xi_0}$  satisfies  $\Phi(T_s h) = T_s \Phi(h)$ ,  $\Phi(T_t h) = T_t \Phi(h)$  for any  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . Since  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m h = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m h$  for  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ , we deduce that 2.3(a) holds in our case.



**2.8.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(v). We define some elements of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-1}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-1}} + (1 - u^2)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-2}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-2}}) \\ &\quad + (1 - u^2 + u^4)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-3}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-3}}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (1 - u^2 + u^4 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-2}u^{2(m'-2)})(T_{\mathbf{s}_1} + T_{\mathbf{t}_1}) \\ &\quad + (1 - u^2 + u^4 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-1}u^{2(m'-1)}),\end{aligned}$$

(if  $m \geq 4$ ),  $\eta_0 = 1$  (if  $m = 2$ ),

$$\eta_1 = \overset{\circ}{T}_s \eta_0, \eta_3 = T_t \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{2m'-1} = T_{t'} \eta_{2m'-3}, \eta_{2m'} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'} \eta_{2m'-1},$$

$$\eta'_1 = \overset{\circ}{T}_t \eta_0, \eta'_3 = T_s \eta'_1, \dots, \eta'_{2m'-1} = T_{s'} \eta'_{2m'-3}, \eta'_{2m'} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} \eta'_{2m'-1}.$$

For example if  $m = 4$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_s + T_t + (1 - u^2), \\ \eta_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{st} - uT_s - uT_t + (-u + u^2 + u^3)), \\ \eta'_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{ts} - uT_s - uT_t + (-u + u^2 + u^3)), \\ \eta_3 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{tst} - uT_{ts} + u^2T_s - u^3), \\ \eta'_3 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{sts} - uT_{st} + u^2T_s - u^3), \\ \eta_4 = \eta'_4 &= (u + 1)^{-2}(T_{stst} - uT_{sts} - uT_{tst} + u^2T_{st} + u^2T_{ts} - u^3T_s - u^3T_t + u^4).\end{aligned}$$

If  $m = 6$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_{st} + T_{ts} + (1 - u^2)T_s + (1 - u^2)T_t + (1 - u^2 + u^4), \\ \eta_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{sts} - uT_{st} - uT_{ts} + (-u + u^2 + u^3)T_s \\ &\quad + (-u + u^2 + u^3)T_t + (-u + u^2 + u^3 - u^4 - u^5)), \\ \eta'_1 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{tst} - uT_{st} - uT_{ts} + (-u + u^2 + u^3)T_s \\ &\quad + (-u + u^2 + u^3)T_t + (-u + u^2 + u^3 - u^4 - u^5)), \\ \eta_3 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{tsts} - uT_{tst} - u^2T_{ts} - u^3T_s - u^3T_t + (-u^3 + u^4 + u^5)), \\ \eta'_3 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{stst} - uT_{sts} - u^2T_{st} - u^3T_s - u^3T_t + (-u^3 + u^4 + u^5)), \\ \eta_5 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{ststs} - uT_{stst} - u^2T_{sts} - u^3T_{st} + u^4T_s - u^5), \\ \eta'_5 &= (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{tstst} - uT_{tsts} - u^2T_{tst} - u^3T_{ts} + u^4T_t - u^5),\end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_6 = \eta'_6 = (u+1)^{-2}(T_{ststst} - uT_{ststs} - uT_{tstst} + u^2T_{stst} + u^2T_{tsts} - u^3T_{sts} - u^3T_{tst} + u^4T_{st} + u^4T_{ts} - u^5T_s - u^5T_t + u^6).$$

If  $m = 8$  we have

$$\eta_0 = T_{sts} + T_{tst} + (1-u^2)T_{st} + (1-u^2)T_{ts} + (1-u^2+u^4)T_s + (1-u^2+u^4)T_t + (1-u^2+u^4-u^6),$$

$$\eta_1 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{stst} - uT_{sts} - uT_{tst} + (-u+u^2+u^3)T_{st} + (-u+u^2+u^3)T_{ts} + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5)T_s + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5)T_t + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5+u^6+u^7)),$$

$$\eta'_1 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tsts} - uT_{sts} - uT_{tst} + (-u+u^2+u^3)T_{st} + (-u+u^2+u^3)T_{ts} + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5)T_s + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5)T_t + (-u+u^2+u^3-u^4-u^5+u^6+u^7)),$$

$$\eta_3 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tstst} - uT_{tsts} + u^2T_{tst} - u^3T_{st} - u^3T_{ts} + (-u^3+u^4+u^5)T_s + (-u^3+u^4+u^5)T_t + (-u^3+u^4+u^5-u^6-u^7)),$$

$$\eta'_3 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{ststs} - uT_{stst} + u^2T_{sts} - u^3T_{st} - u^3T_{ts} + (-u^3+u^4+u^5)T_s + (-u^3+u^4+u^5)T_t + (-u^3+u^4+u^5-u^6-u^7)),$$

$$\eta_5 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{ststst} - uT_{ststs} + u^2T_{stst} - u^3T_{sts} + u^4T_{st} - u^5T_s - u^5T_t + (-u^5+u^6+u^7)),$$

$$\eta'_5 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tststs} - uT_{tstst} + u^2T_{tsts} - u^3T_{tst} + u^4T_{ts} - u^5T_s - u^5T_t + (-u^5+u^6+u^7)),$$

$$\eta_7 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{tststst} - uT_{tststs} + u^2T_{tstst} - u^3T_{tsts} + u^4T_{tst} - u^5T_{ts} + u^6T_t - u^7),$$

$$\eta'_7 = (u+1)^{-1}(T_{stststs} - uT_{ststst} + u^2T_{ststs} - u^3T_{stst} + u^4T_{sts} - u^5T_{st} + u^6T_s - u^7),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_8 = \eta'_8 = & (u+1)^{-2}(T_{stststst} - uT_{stststs} - uT_{tststst} + u^2T_{tststs} \\ & + u^2T_{ststst} - u^3T_{ststs} - u^3T_{tstst} + u^4T_{stst} + u^4T_{tsts} - u^5T_{sts} - u^5T_{tst} + u^6T_{st} \\ & + u^6T_{ts} - u^7T_s - u^tT_t + u^8). \end{aligned}$$

One checks by direct computation in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  that

$$(a) \quad \eta_m = \eta'_m = (u+1)^{-2} \sum_{y \in W_K} (-u)^{m-l(y)} T_y$$

and that the elements  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \eta'_1, \eta_3, \eta'_3, \dots, \eta_{2m'-1}, \eta'_{2m'-1}, \eta_m$  are linearly independent in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ ; they span a subspace of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  denoted by  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . From (a) we deduce:

$$(b) \quad (\overset{\circ}{T}_s T_t T_{s'} \dots T_t T_s T_t \overset{\circ}{T}_s)_{m'+1} \eta_0 = (\overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} T_{s'} T_{t'} \dots T_s T_t T_s \overset{\circ}{T}_t)_{m'+1} \eta_0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{\circ}{T}_s^{-1} \eta_1 &= \eta_0, T_t^{-1} \eta_3 = \eta_1, \dots, T_{t'}^{-1} \eta_{2m'-1} = \eta_{2m'-3}, \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'}^{-1} \eta_{2m'} = \eta_{2m'-1}, \\ \overset{\circ}{T}_t^{-1} \eta'_1 &= \eta_0, T_s^{-1} \eta'_3 = \eta'_1, \dots, T_{s'}^{-1} \eta'_{2m'-1} = \eta'_{2m'-3}, \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'}^{-1} \eta'_{2m'} = \eta'_{2m'-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$  is stable under left multiplication by  $T_s$  and  $T_t$  hence it is a left ideal of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ . From the definitions we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\xi_1} &= \overset{\circ}{T}_s a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi_3} = T_t a_{\xi_1}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'-1}} = T_{t'} a_{\xi_{2m'-3}}, a_{\xi_{2m'}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'} a_{\xi_{2m'-1}}, \\ a_{\xi'_1} &= \overset{\circ}{T}_t a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi'_3} = T_s a_{\xi'_1}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}} = T_{s'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-3}}, a_{\xi'_{2m'}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}}, \\ \overset{\circ}{T}_s^{-1} a_{\xi_1} &= a_{\xi_0}, T_t^{-1} a_{\xi_3} = a_{\xi_1}, \dots, T_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'-1}} = a_{\xi_{2m'-3}}, \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'}} = a_{\xi_{2m'-1}}, \\ \overset{\circ}{T}_t^{-1} a_{\xi'_1} &= a_{\xi_0}, T_s^{-1} a_{\xi'_3} = a_{\xi'_1}, \dots, T_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}} = a_{\xi'_{2m'-3}}, \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'}} = a_{\xi'_{2m'-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the vector space isomorphism  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} \dot{M}_\Omega$  given by  $\eta_{2i+1} \mapsto a_{\xi_{2i+1}}, \eta'_{2i+1} \mapsto a_{\xi'_{2i+1}}$  ( $i \in [0, (m-2)/2]$ ),  $\eta_0 \mapsto a_{\xi_0}$ ,  $\eta_m \mapsto a_{\xi_m}$  satisfies  $\Phi(T_s h) = T_s \Phi(h)$ ,  $\Phi(T_t h) = T_t \Phi(h)$  for any  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . Since  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m h = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m h$  for  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ , we deduce that 2.3(a) holds in our case.

**2.9.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(vi). We define some elements of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_0 &= T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'}} + (1 - u - u^2)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-1}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-1}}) \\ &+ (1 - u - u^2 + u^3 + u^4)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-2}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-2}}) + \dots \\ &+ (1 - u - u^2 + u^3 + u^4 - u^5 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-2} u^{2m'-4} + (-1)^{m'-1} u^{2m'-3} \\ &+ (-1)^{m'-1} u^{2m'-2})(T_{\mathbf{s}_1} + T_{\mathbf{t}_1}) \\ &+ (1 + u - u^2 - u^3 + u^4 + u^5 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-1} u^{2m'-2} \\ &+ (-1)^{m'} u^{2m'-1} + (-1)^{m'} u^{2m'}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2 &= T_s \eta_0, \eta_4 = T_t \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{2m'} = T_{s'} \eta_{2m'-2}, \eta_{2m'+1} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} \eta_{2m'}, \\ \eta'_2 &= T_t \eta_0, \eta'_4 = T_s \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_{2m'} = T_{t'} \eta'_{2m'-2}, \eta'_{2m'+1} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'} \eta'_{2m'}.\end{aligned}$$

For example if  $m = 7$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_{sts} + T_{tst} + (1 - u - u^2)T_{ts} + (1 - u - u^2)T_{st} + (1 - u - u^2 + u^3 + u^4)T_s \\ &\quad + (1 - u - u^2 + u^3 + u^4)T_t + (1 - u - u^2 + u^3 + u^4 - u^5 - u^6), \\ \eta_2 &= T_{stst} - uT_{sts} + u^2T_{st} + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4)T_s + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4)T_t + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4 + u^5 + u^6), \\ \eta'_2 &= T_{tsts} - uT_{tst} + u^2T_{st} + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4)T_s + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4)T_t + (u^2 - u^3 - u^4 + u^5 + u^6), \\ \eta_4 &= T_{ststs} - uT_{stst} + u^2T_{sts} - u^3T_{st} + u^4T_s + u^4T_t + (u^4 - u^5 - u^6), \\ \eta'_4 &= T_{tstst} - uT_{tsts} + u^2T_{tst} - u^3T_{ts} + u^4T_s + u^4T_t + (u^4 - u^5 - u^6), \\ \eta_6 &= T_{ststst} - uT_{ststs} + u^2T_{stst} - u^3T_{sts} + u^4T_{st} - u^5T_s + u^6, \\ \eta'_6 &= T_{tststs} - uT_{tstst} + u^2T_{tsts} - u^3T_{tst} + u^4T_{ts} - u^5T_t + u^6, \\ \eta_7 &= \eta'_7 = (u + 1)^{-1}(T_{stststs} - uT_{ststst} - uT_{tststs} + u^2T_{ststs} + u^2T_{tstst} - u^3T_{stst} \\ &\quad - u^3T_{tsts} + u^4T_{sts} + u^4T_{tst} - u^5T_{st} - u^5T_{ts} + u^6T_s + u^6T_t - u^7).\end{aligned}$$

One checks by direct computation in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  that

$$(a) \quad \eta_m = \eta'_m = (u + 1)^{-1} \sum_{y \in W_K} (-u)^{m-l(y)} T_y$$

and that the elements  $\eta_0, \eta_2, \eta'_2, \eta_4, \eta'_4, \dots, \eta_{2m'}, \eta'_{2m'}, \eta_m$  are linearly independent in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ ; they span a subspace of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  denoted by  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . From (a) we deduce:

$$(b) \quad (\overset{\circ}{T}_{s'} T_{t'} T_{s'} \dots T_t T_s)_{m'+1} \eta_0 = (\overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} T_{s'} T_{t'} \dots T_s T_t)_{m'+1} \eta_0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_s^{-1} \eta_2, \eta_2 = T_t^{-1} \eta_4, \dots, \eta_{2m'-2} = T_{s'}^{-1} \eta_{2m'}, \eta_{2m'} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'}^{-1} \eta_{2m'+1}, \\ \eta_0 &= T_t^{-1} \eta'_2, \eta'_2 = T_s^{-1} \eta'_4, \dots, \eta'_{2m'-2} = T_{t'}^{-1} \eta'_{2m'}, \eta'_{2m'} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'}^{-1} \eta_{2m'+1}.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$  is stable under left multiplication by  $T_s$  and  $T_t$  hence it is a left ideal of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ . From the definitions we have

$$\begin{aligned}a_{\xi_2} &= T_s a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi_4} = T_t a_{\xi_2}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'}} = T_{s'} a_{\xi_{2m'-2}}, a_{\xi_{2m'+1}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'} a_{\xi_{2m'}}, \\ a_{\xi'_2} &= T_t a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi'_4} = T_s a_{\xi'_2}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'}} = T_{t'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-2}}, a_{\xi'_{2m'+1}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'} a_{\xi_{2m'}}, \\ a_{\xi_0} &= T_s^{-1} a_{\xi_2}, a_{\xi_2} = T_t^{-1} a_{\xi_4}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'-2}} = T_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'}}, a_{\xi_{2m'}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'+1}}, \\ a_{\xi_0} &= T_t^{-1} a_{\xi'_2}, a_{\xi'_2} = T_s^{-1} a_{\xi'_4}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'-2}} = T_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'}}, a_{\xi'_{2m'}} = \overset{\circ}{T}_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'+1}}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the vector space isomorphism  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} \dot{M}_\Omega$  given by  $\eta_{2i} \mapsto a_{\xi_{2i}}, \eta'_{2i} \mapsto a_{\xi'_{2i}}$  ( $i \in [0, (m-1)/2]$ ),  $\eta_m \mapsto a_{\xi_m}$  satisfies  $\Phi(T_s h) = T_s \Phi(h)$ ,  $\Phi(T_t h) = T_t \Phi(h)$  for any  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . Since  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m h = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m h$  for  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ , we deduce that 2.3(a) holds in our case.

**2.10.** Assume that we are in case 1.4(vii). We define some elements of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'}} + (1 - u^2)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-1}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-1}}) \\ &+ (1 - 2u^2 + u^4)(T_{\mathbf{s}_{m'-3}} + T_{\mathbf{t}_{m'-3}}) + \dots \\ &+ (1 - 2u^2 + 2u^4 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-2}2u^{2(m'-2)} + (-1)^{m'-1}u^{2(m'-1)})(T_{\mathbf{s}_1} + T_{\mathbf{t}_1}) \\ &+ (1 - 2u^2 + 2u^4 - \dots + (-1)^{m'-1}2u^{2(m'-1)} + (-1)^{m'}u^{2m'}),\end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_2 = T_s \eta_0, \eta_4 = T_t \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{2m'} = T_{s'} \eta_{2m'-2},$$

$$\eta'_2 = T_t \eta_0, \eta'_4 = T_s \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_{2m'} = T_{t'} \eta'_{2m'-2}.$$

For example if  $m = 8$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_{stst} + T_{tsts} + (1 - u^2)T_{sts} + (1 - u^2)T_{tst} + (1 - 2u^2 + u^4)T_{st} \\ &+ (1 - 2u^2 + u^4)T_{ts} + (1 - 2u^2 + 2u^4 - u^6)T_s + (1 - 2u^2 + 2u^4 - u^6)T_t + \\ &(1 - 2u^2 + 2u^4 - 2u^6 + u^8),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2 &= T_{ststs} + u^2 T_{tst} + (u^2 - u^4)T_{st} + (u^2 - u^4)T_{ts} + (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6)T_s \\ &+ (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6)T_t + (u^2 - 2u^4 + 2u^6 - u^8),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta'_2 &= T_{tstst} + u^2 T_{sts} + (u^2 - u^4)T_{st} + (u^2 - u^4)T_{ts} + (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6)T_s \\ &+ (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6)T_t + (u^2 - 2u^4 + 2u^6 - u^8),\end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_4 = T_{tststs} + u^4 T_{st} + (u^4 - u^6)T_s + (u^4 - u^6)T_t + (u^4 - 2u^6 + u^8),$$

$$\eta'_4 = T_{ststst} + u^4 T_{ts} + (u^4 - u^6)T_s + (u^4 - u^6)T_t + (u^4 - 2u^6 + u^8),$$

$$\eta_6 = T_{stststs} + u^6 T_t + (u^6 - u^8),$$

$$\eta'_6 = T_{tststst} + u^6 T_s + (u^6 - u^8),$$

$$\eta_8 = \eta'_8 = T_{stststst} + u^8.$$

One checks by direct computation in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  that

$$(a) \quad \eta_m = \eta'_m = T_{\mathbf{s}_m} + u^m$$

and that the elements  $\eta_0, \eta_2, \eta'_2, \eta_4, \eta'_4, \dots, \eta_{2m'}, \eta'_{2m'}, \eta_m$  are linearly independent in  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ ; they span a subspace of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$  denoted by  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . From (a) we deduce:

$$(c) \quad (T_{t'} T_{s'} \dots T_t T_s)_{m'} \eta_0 = (T_{s'} T_{t'} \dots T_s T_t)_{m'} \eta_0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0 &= T_s^{-1}\eta_2, \eta_2 = T_t^{-1}\eta_4, \dots, \eta_{2m'-2} = T_{s'}^{-1}\eta_{2m'}, \\ \eta_0 &= T_t^{-1}\eta'_2, \eta'_2 = T_s^{-1}\eta'_4, \dots, \eta'_{2m'-2} = T_{t'}^{-1}\eta'_{2m'}.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$  is stable under left multiplication by  $T_s$  and  $T_t$  hence it is a left ideal of  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K$ . From the definitions we have

$$\begin{aligned}a_{\xi_2} &= T_s a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi_4} = T_t a_{\xi_2}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'}} = T_{s'} a_{\xi_{2m'-2}}, \\ a_{\xi'_2} &= T_t a_{\xi_0}, a_{\xi'_4} = T_s a_{\xi'_2}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'}} = T_{t'} a_{\xi'_{2m'-2}}, \\ a_{\xi_0} &= T_s^{-1} a_{\xi_2}, a_{\xi_2} = T_t^{-1} a_{\xi_4}, \dots, a_{\xi_{2m'-2}} = T_{s'}^{-1} a_{\xi_{2m'}}, \\ a_{\xi_0} &= T_t^{-1} a_{\xi'_2}, a_{\xi'_2} = T_s^{-1} a_{\xi'_4}, \dots, a_{\xi'_{2m'-2}} = T_{t'}^{-1} a_{\xi'_{2m'}}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the vector space isomorphism  $\Phi : \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} \dot{M}_\Omega$  given by  $\eta_{2i} \mapsto a_{\xi_{2i}}, \eta'_{2i} \mapsto a_{\xi'_{2i}}$  ( $i \in [0, m/2]$ ) satisfies  $\Phi(T_s h) = T_s \Phi(h)$ ,  $\Phi(T_t h) = T_t \Phi(h)$  for any  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ . Since  $(T_s T_t T_s \dots)_m h = (T_t T_s T_t \dots)_m h$  for  $h \in \dot{\mathfrak{H}}_K^+$ , we deduce that 2.3(a) holds in our case. This completes the proof of Theorem 0.1.

**2.11.** We show that the  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module  $\dot{M}$  is generated by  $a_1$ . Indeed, from 2.2(i) we see by induction on  $l(w)$  that for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $a_w$  belongs to the  $\dot{\mathfrak{H}}$ -submodule of  $\dot{M}$  generated by  $a_1$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 0.2

**3.1.** We define a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -linear map  $B : M \rightarrow M$  by  $B(u^n a_w) = \epsilon_w u^{-n} T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}$  for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*, n \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Note that  $B(a_1) = a_1$ .

For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*, s \in S$  we show:

(a)  $B(T_s a_w) = T_s^{-1} B(a_w)$ .

Assume first that  $sw = ws^* > w$ . We must show that  $B(ua_w + (u+1)a_{sw}) = T_s^{-1} B(a_w)$  or that

$$u^{-1} \epsilon_w T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*} - (u^{-1} + 1) \epsilon_w T_{s^* w^*}^{-1} a_{s^* w^*} = T_s^{-1} \epsilon_w T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}$$

or that

$$T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*} - (u+1) T_{w^*}^{-1} T_{s^*}^{-1} a_{s^* w^*} = u T_{w^*}^{-1} T_{s^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}$$

or that

$$T_{s^*} a_{w^*} - (u+1) a_{s^* w^*} = u a_{w^*}.$$

This follows from 0.1(i) with  $s, w$  replaced by  $s^*, w^*$ .

Assume next  $sw = ws^* < w$ . We set  $y = sw \in \mathbf{I}_*$  so that  $sy > y$ . We must show that  $B((u^2 - u - 1)a_{sy} + (u^2 - u)a_y) = T_s^{-1} B(a_{sy})$  or that

$$-(u^{-2} - u^{-1} - 1) \epsilon_y T_{s^* y^*}^{-1} a_{s^* y^*} + (u^{-2} - u^{-1}) \epsilon_y T_{y^*}^{-1} a_{y^*} = -T_s^{-1} \epsilon_y T_{s^* y^*}^{-1} a_{s^* y^*}$$

or that

$$-(u^{-2} - u^{-1} - 1)T_{y^*}^{-1}T_{s^*}^{-1}a_{s^*y^*} + (u^{-2} - u^{-1})T_{y^*}^{-1}a_{y^*} = -T_{y^*}^{-1}T_{s^*}^{-2}a_{s^*y^*}$$

or that

$$-(u^{-2} - u^{-1} - 1)T_{s^*}^{-1}a_{s^*y^*} + (u^{-2} - u^{-1})a_{y^*} = -T_{s^*}^{-2}a_{s^*y^*}$$

or that

$$-(1 - u - u^2)a_{s^*y^*} + (1 - u)T_{s^*}a_{y^*} = -(T_{s^*} + 1 - u^2)a_{s^*y^*}.$$

Using 0.1(i),(ii) with  $w, s$  replaced by  $y^*, s^*$  we see that it is enough to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & -(1 - u - u^2)a_{s^*y^*} + (1 - u)(ua_{y^*} + (u + 1)a_{s^*y^*}) \\ &= -(u^2 - u - 1)a_{s^*y^*} - (u^2 - u)a_{y^*} - (1 - u^2)a_{s^*y^*} \end{aligned}$$

which is obvious.

Assume next that  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ . We must show that  $B(a_{sws^*}) = T_s^{-1}B(a_w)$  or that

$$\epsilon_w T_{s^*w^*s}^{-1} a_{s^*w^*s} = T_s^{-1} \epsilon_w T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}$$

or that

$$T_s^{-1} T_{w^*}^{-1} T_{s^*}^{-1} a_{s^*w^*s} = T_s^{-1} T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}$$

or that

$$a_{s^*w^*s} = T_{s^*} a_{w^*}.$$

This follows from 0.1(iii) with  $s, w$  replaced by  $s^*, w^*$ .

Finally assume that  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ . We set  $y = sws^* \in \mathbf{I}_*$  so that  $sy > y$ . We must show that  $B((u^2 - 1)a_{sys^*} + u^2 a_y) = T_s^{-1}B(a_{sys^*})$  or that

$$(u^{-2} - 1)\epsilon_y T_{s^*y^*s}^{-1} a_{s^*y^*s} + u^{-2}\epsilon_y T_{y^*}^{-1} a_{y^*} = T_s^{-1}\epsilon_y T_{s^*y^*s}^{-1} a_{s^*y^*s}$$

or that

$$(u^{-2} - 1)T_s^{-1}T_{y^*}^{-1}T_{s^*}^{-1}a_{s^*y^*s} + u^{-2}T_{y^*}^{-1}a_{y^*} = T_s^{-1}T_s^{-1}T_{y^*}^{-1}T_{s^*}^{-1}a_{s^*y^*s}$$

or (using 0.1(iii) with  $w, s$  replaced by  $y^*, s^*$ ) that

$$(u^{-2} - 1)T_s^{-1}T_{y^*}^{-1}a_{y^*} + u^{-2}T_{y^*}^{-1}a_{y^*} = T_s^{-1}T_s^{-1}T_{y^*}^{-1}a_{y^*}$$

or that

$$(u^{-2} - 1)T_s^{-1} + u^{-2} = T_s^{-1}T_s^{-1}$$

which is obvious.

This completes the proof of (a). Since the elements  $T_s$  generate the algebra  $\mathfrak{H}$ , from (a) we deduce that  $B(hm) = \bar{h}B(m)$  for any  $h \in \mathfrak{H}, m \in M$ . This proves the existence part of 0.2(a).

For  $n \in \mathbf{Z}, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$B(u^n a_w) = \epsilon_w B(u^{-n} T_{w^*}^{-1} a_{w^*}) = \epsilon_w \epsilon_{w^*} u^n T_{w^{*-1}}^{-1} T_w^{-1} a_w = u^n a_w.$$

Thus  $B^2 = 1$ . The uniqueness part of 0.2(a) is proved as in [LV, 2.9]. This completes the proof of 0.2(a). Now 0.2(b) follows from the proof of 0.2(a).

## 4. PROOF OF THEOREM 0.4

**4.1.** For  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$\overline{a'_w} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*} \overline{r_{y,w}} a'_y$$

where  $r_{y,w} \in \underline{A}$  is zero for all but finitely many  $y$ . (This  $r_{y,w}$  differs from that in [LV, 0.2(b)].)

For  $s \in S$  we set  $T'_s = u^{-1}T_s$ . We rewrite the formulas 0.1(i)-(iv) as follows.

- (i)  $T'_s a'_w = a'_w + (v + v^{-1})a'_{sw}$  if  $sw = ws^* > w$ ;
- (ii)  $T'_s a'_w = (u - 1 - u^{-1})a'_w + (v - v^{-1})a'_{sw}$  if  $sw = ws^* < w$ ;
- (iii)  $T'_s a'_w = a'_{sws^*}$  if  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ ;
- (iv)  $T'_s a'_w = (u - u^{-1})a'_w + a'_{sws^*}$  if  $sw \neq ws^* < w$ .

**4.2.** Now assume that  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $sy > y$ . From the equality  $\overline{T'_s a'_y} = \overline{T'_s}(\overline{a'_y})$  (where  $\overline{T'_s} = T'_s + u^{-1} - u$ ) we see that

$$\sum_x \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x + (v + v^{-1}) \sum_x \overline{r_{x,sy}} a'_x \text{ (if } sy = ys^*) \text{ or } \sum_x \overline{r_{x,sy s^*}} a'_x \text{ (if } sy \neq ys^*)$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx > x} \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (v + v^{-1}) a'_{sx} \\ & + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) a'_x + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (v - v^{-1}) a'_{sx} \\ & + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx > x} \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_{sxs^*} + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (u - u^{-1}) a'_x + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_{sxs^*} \\ & + (u^{-1} - u) \sum_x \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x \\ & = \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx > x} \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{sx,y}} (v + v^{-1}) a'_x \\ & + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) a'_x + \sum_{x; sx = xs^*, sx > x} \overline{r_{sx,y}} (v - v^{-1}) a'_x \\ & + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} a'_x + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx < x} \overline{r_{x,y}} (u - u^{-1}) a'_x + \sum_{x; sx \neq xs^*, sx > x} \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} a'_x \\ & + (u^{-1} - u) \sum_x \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x. \end{aligned}$$

Hence when  $sy = ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (v + v^{-1}) \overline{r_{x,sy}} &= \overline{r_{sx,y}} (v - v^{-1}) + (u^{-1} - u) \overline{r_{x,y}} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1}) \overline{r_{x,sy}} &= -2 \overline{r_{x,y}} + \overline{r_{sx,y}} (v + v^{-1}) \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ (v + v^{-1}) \overline{r_{x,sy}} &= \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} + (u^{-1} - 1 - u) \overline{r_{x,y}} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1}) \overline{r_{x,sy}} &= -\overline{r_{x,y}} + \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x; \end{aligned}$$



when  $sy \neq ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{r_{x,sys^*}} &= \overline{r_{sx,y}}(v - v^{-1}) + (u^{-1} + 1 - u)\overline{r_{x,y}} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ \overline{r_{x,sys^*}} &= \overline{r_{sx,y}}(v + v^{-1}) - \overline{r_{x,y}} \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ \overline{r_{x,sys^*}} &= \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} + (u^{-1} - u)\overline{r_{x,y}} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ \overline{r_{x,sys^*}} &= \overline{r_{sxs^*,y}} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x.\end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  we see that when  $sy = ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(v + v^{-1})r_{x,sys} &= r_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) + (u - u^{-1})r_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1})r_{x,sys} &= -2r_{x,y} + r_{sx,y}(v + v^{-1}) \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ (v + v^{-1})r_{x,sys} &= r_{sxs^*,y} + (u - 1 - u^{-1})r_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ (a) \quad (v + v^{-1})r_{x,sys} &= -r_{x,y} + r_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x;\end{aligned}$$

when  $sy \neq ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}r_{x,sys^*} &= r_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) + (u + 1 - u^{-1})r_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ r_{x,sys^*} &= r_{sx,y}(v + v^{-1}) - r_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ r_{x,sys^*} &= r_{sxs^*,y} + (u - u^{-1})r_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ (b) \quad r_{x,sys^*} &= r_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x.\end{aligned}$$

**4.3.** Setting  $r'_{x,w} = v^{-l(w)+l(x)}r_{x,w}$ ,  $r''_{x,w} = v^{-l(w)+l(x)}\overline{r_{x,w}}$  for  $x, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we can rewrite the last formulas in 4.2 as follows.

When  $x, y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $sy = ys^* > y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}(v + v^{-1})vr'_{x,sys} &= v^{-1}r'_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) + (u - u^{-1})r'_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr'_{x,sys} &= -2r'_{x,y} + r'_{sx,y}v(v + v^{-1}) \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr'_{x,sys} &= v^{-2}r'_{sxs^*,y} + (u - 1 - u^{-1})r'_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr'_{x,sys} &= -r'_{x,y} + v^2r'_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x.\end{aligned}$$

When  $x, y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $sy \neq ys^* > y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}v^2r'_{x,sys^*} &= r'_{sx,y}v^{-1}(v^{-1} - v) + (u + 1 - u^{-1})r'_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ v^2r'_{x,sys^*} &= r'_{sx,y}v(v + v^{-1}) - r'_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ v^2r'_{x,sys^*} &= v^{-2}r'_{sxs^*,y} + (u - u^{-1})r'_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ v^2r'_{x,sys^*} &= v^2r'_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x.\end{aligned}$$

When  $x, y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $sy = ys^* > y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}(v + v^{-1})vr''_{x,sys} &= v^{-1}r''_{sx,y}(v - v^{-1}) + (u^{-1} - u)r''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr''_{x,sys} &= -2r''_{x,y} + r''_{sx,y}v(v + v^{-1}) \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr''_{x,sys} &= v^{-2}r''_{sxs^*,y} + (u^{-1} - 1 - u)r''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ (v + v^{-1})vr''_{x,sys} &= -r''_{x,y} + v^2r''_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x.\end{aligned}$$

When  $x, y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $sy \neq ys^* > y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} v^2 r''_{x,sys^*} &= r''_{sx,y} v^{-1} (v - v^{-1}) + (u^{-1} + 1 - u) r''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* > x, \\ v^2 r''_{x,sys^*} &= r''_{sx,y} v (v + v^{-1}) - r''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx = xs^* < x, \\ v^2 r''_{x,sys^*} &= v^{-2} r''_{sxs^*,y} + (u^{-1} - u) r''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* > x, \\ v^2 r''_{x,sys^*} &= v^2 r''_{sxs^*,y} \text{ if } sx \neq xs^* < x. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ .*

- (a) *If  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $r_{x,w} \neq 0$  then  $x \leq w$ .*
- (b) *If  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $x \leq w$  we have  $r'_{x,w} = \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $r''_{x,w} = \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ .*

We argue by induction on  $l(w)$ . If  $w = 1$  then  $r_{x,w} = \delta_{x,1}$  so that the result holds. Now assume that  $l(w) \geq 1$ . We can find  $s \in S$  such that  $sw < w$ . Let  $y = s \bullet w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  (see 0.6). We have  $y < w$ . In the setup of (a) we have  $r_{x,s \bullet y} \neq 0$ . From the formulas in 4.3 we deduce the following.

If  $sx = xs^*$  then  $r'_{sx,y} \neq 0$  or  $r'_{x,y} \neq 0$  hence (by the induction hypothesis)  $sx \leq y$  or  $x \leq y$ ; if  $x \leq y$  then  $x \leq w$  while if  $sx \leq y$  we have  $sx \leq w$  hence by [L2, 2.5] we have  $x \leq w$ .

If  $sx \neq xs^*$  then  $r'_{sxs^*,y} \neq 0$  or  $r'_{x,y} \neq 0$  hence (by the induction hypothesis)  $sxs^* \leq y$  or  $x \leq y$ ; if  $x \leq y$  then  $x \leq w$  while if  $sxs^* \leq y$  we have  $sxs^* \leq w$  hence by [L2, 2.5] we have  $x \leq w$ .

We see that  $x \leq w$  and (a) is proved.

In the remainder of the proof we assume that  $x \leq w$ . Assume that  $sy = ys^*$ . Using the formulas in 4.3 and the induction hypothesis we see that  $v(v + v^{-1})r'_{x,w} \in v^2 \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $v(v + v^{-1})r''_{x,w} \in v^2 \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ; hence  $r'_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[[v^{-2}]]$ ,  $r''_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[[v^{-2}]]$ . Since  $r'_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ ,  $r''_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ , it follows that  $r'_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $r''_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ .

Assume now that  $sy \neq ys^*$ . Using the formulas in 4.3 and the induction hypothesis we see that  $v^2 r'_{x,w} \in v^2 \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $v^2 r''_{x,w} \in v^2 \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ; hence  $r'_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $r''_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 4.5.** (a) *There is a unique function  $\phi : \mathbf{I}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\phi(1) = 0$  and for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  and any  $s \in S$  with  $sw < w$  we have  $\phi(w) = \phi(sw) + 1$  (if  $sw = ws^*$ ) and  $\phi(w) = \phi(sws^*)$  (if  $sw \neq ws^*$ ). For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $l(w) = \phi(w) \pmod{2}$ . Hence, setting  $\kappa(w) = (-1)^{(l(w) + \phi(w))/2}$  for  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $\kappa(1) = 1$  and  $\kappa(w) = -\kappa(s \bullet w)$  (see 0.6) for any  $s \in S, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $sw < w$ .*

(b) *If  $x, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $x \leq w$  then the constant term of  $r'_{x,w}$  is 1 and the constant term of  $r''_{x,w}$  is  $\kappa(x)\kappa(w)$  (see 4.4(b)).*

We prove (a). Assume first that  $*$  is the identity map. For  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  let  $\phi(w)$  be the dimension of the  $-1$  eigenspace of  $w$  on the reflection representation of  $W$ . This function has the required properties. If  $*$  is not the identity map, the proof is similar: for  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $\phi(w)$  is the dimension of the  $-1$  eigenspace of  $wT$  minus the dimension of the  $-1$  eigenspace of  $T$  where  $T$  is an automorphism of the reflection representation of  $W$  induced by  $*$ .

We prove (b). Let  $n'_{x,w}$  (resp.  $n''_{x,w}$ ) be the constant term of  $r'_{x,w}$  (resp.  $r''_{x,w}$ ). We shall prove for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  the following statement:

(c) *If  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $x \leq w$  then  $n'_{x,w} = 1$  and  $n''_{x,w} = n''_{1,x}n''_{1,w} \in \{1, -1\}$ .*

We argue by induction on  $l(w)$ . If  $w = 1$  we have  $r'_{w,w} = r''_{w,w} = 1$  and (c) is obvious. We assume that  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $w \neq 1$ . We can find  $s \in S$  such that  $sw < w$ . We set  $y = s \bullet w$ . Taking the coefficients of  $v^2$  in the formulas in 4.3 and using 4.4(b) we see that the following holds for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$ :

$$n'_{x,w} = n'_{x,y}, n''_{x,w} = -n''_{x,y} \text{ if } sx > x,$$

(by [L2, 2.5(b)], we must have  $x \leq y$ ) and

$$n'_{x,w} = n'_{s \bullet x, y}, n''_{x,w} = n''_{s \bullet x, y} \text{ if } sx < x$$

(by [L2, 2.5(b)], we must have  $s \bullet x \leq y$ ).

Using the induction hypothesis we see that  $n'_{x,w} = 1$  and

$$n''_{x,w} = -n''_{1,x}n''_{1,y} \text{ if } sx > x,$$

$$n''_{x,w} = n''_{1, s \bullet x}n''_{1,y} \text{ if } sx < x.$$

Also, taking  $x = 1$  we see that

$$(d) \quad n''_{1,w} = -n''_{1,y}.$$

Returning to a general  $x$  we deduce

$$n''_{x,w} = n''_{1,x}n''_{1,w} \text{ if } sx > x,$$

$$n''_{x,w} = -n''_{1, s \bullet x}n''_{1,w} \text{ if } sx < x.$$

Applying (d) with  $w$  replaced by  $x$  we see that  $n''_{1,x} = -n''_{1, s \bullet x}$  if  $sx < x$ . This shows by induction on  $l(x)$  that  $n''_{1,x} = \kappa(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . Thus we have  $n''_{x,w} = n''_{1,x}n''_{1,w} = \kappa(x)\kappa(w)$  for any  $x \leq w$ . This completes the inductive proof of (c) and that of (b). The proposition is proved.

**4.6.** We show:

(a) *For any  $x, z \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq z$  we have  $\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq z} \overline{r_{x,y}} r_{y,z} = \delta_{x,z}$ .*

Using the fact that  $\bar{\cdot} : uM \rightarrow \underline{M}$  is an involution we have

$$a'_z = \overline{\overline{a'_z}} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*} \overline{r_{y,z} a'_y} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*} r_{y,z} \overline{a'_y} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*} \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*} r_{y,z} \overline{r_{x,y}} a'_x.$$

We now compare the coefficients of  $a'_x$  on both sides and use 4.4(a); (a) follows.

The following result provides the Möbius function for the partially ordered set  $(\mathbf{I}_*, \leq)$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** *Let  $x, z \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $x \leq z$ . Then  $\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq z} \kappa(x)\kappa(y) = \delta_{x,z}$ .*

We can assume that  $x < z$ . By 4.4(b), 4.5(b) for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq y \leq z$  we have

$$\overline{r_{x,y}} r_{y,z} = v^{l(y)-l(x)} v^{l(z)-l(x)} r''_{x,y} r'_{y,z} \in v^{l(z)-l(x)} (\kappa(x)\kappa(y) + v^{-2} \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]).$$

Hence the identity 4.6(a) implies that

$$\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq z} v^{l(z)-l(x)} \kappa(x)\kappa(y) + \text{strictly lower powers of } v \text{ is } 0.$$

In particular,  $\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq z} \kappa(x)\kappa(y) = 0$ . The proposition is proved.

**4.8.** For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$(a) \quad r_{w,w} = 1.$$

Indeed by 4.4(b) we have  $r_{w,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$ ,  $\overline{r_{w,w}} \in \mathbf{Z}[v^{-2}]$  hence  $r_{w,w}$  is a constant. By 4.5(b) this constant is 1.

**4.9.** Let  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . We will construct for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  an element  $u_x \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{\leq 0}$  such that

- (a)  $u_x = 1$ ,
- (b)  $u_x \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{< 0}$ ,  $\overline{u_x} - u_x = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} u_y$  for any  $x < w$ .

The argument is almost a copy of one in [L2, 5.2]. We argue by induction on  $l(w) - l(x)$ . If  $l(w) - l(x) = 0$  then  $x = w$  and we set  $u_x = 1$ . Assume now that  $l(w) - l(x) > 0$  and that  $u_z$  is already defined whenever  $z \leq w$ ,  $l(w) - l(z) < l(w) - l(x)$  so that (a) holds and (b) holds if  $x$  is replaced by any such  $z$ . Then the right hand side of the equality in (b) is defined. We denote it by  $\alpha_x \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_x + \bar{\alpha}_x &= \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} u_y + \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} \overline{r_{x,y}} \bar{u}_y \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} u_y + \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} \overline{r_{x,y}} (u_y + \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; y < z \leq w} r_{y,z} u_z) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} u_y + \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < z \leq w} \overline{r_{x,z}} u_z + \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < z \leq w} \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y < z} \overline{r_{x,y}} r_{y,z} u_z \\ &= \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < z \leq w} \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y < z} \overline{r_{x,y}} r_{y,z} u_z = \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < z \leq w} \delta_{x,z} u_z = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(We have used 4.6(a), 4.8(a).) Since  $\alpha_x + \bar{\alpha}_x = 0$  we have  $\alpha_x = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \gamma_n v^n$  (finite sum) where  $\gamma_n \in \mathbf{Z}$  satisfy  $\gamma_n + \gamma_{-n} = 0$  for all  $n$  and in particular  $\gamma_0 = 0$ . Then  $u_x = -\sum_{n < 0} \gamma_n v^n \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{< 0}$  satisfies  $\bar{u}_x - u_x = \alpha_x$ . This completes the inductive construction of the elements  $u_x$ .

We set  $A_w = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} u_y a'_y \in \underline{M}_{\leq 0}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A_w} &= \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} \bar{u}_y \overline{a'_y} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} \bar{u}_y \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y} \overline{r_{x,y} a'_x} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq w} \left( \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq w} \overline{r_{x,y} u_y} \right) a'_x = \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq w} u_x a'_x = A_w. \end{aligned}$$

We will also write  $u_y = \pi_{y,w} \in \underline{A}_{\leq 0}$  so that

$$A_w = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} \pi_{y,w} a'_y.$$

Note that  $\pi_{w,w} = 1$ ,  $\pi_{y,w} \in \underline{A}_{<0}$  if  $y < w$  and

$$\overline{\pi_{y,w}} = \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq z \leq w} r_{y,z} \pi_{z,w}.$$

We show that for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  we have:

(c)  $v^{l(w)-l(x)} \pi_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[v]$  and has constant term 1.

We argue by induction on  $l(w) - l(x)$ . If  $l(w) - l(x) = 0$  then  $x = w$ ,  $\pi_{x,w} = 1$  and the result is obvious. Assume now that  $l(w) - l(x) > 0$ . Using 4.4(b) and 4.5(b) and the induction hypothesis we see that

$$\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} \pi_{y,w} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} v^{-l(y)+l(x)} \overline{r_{x,y}''} \pi_{y,w}$$

is equal to

$$\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} v^{-l(y)+l(x)} \kappa(x) \kappa(y) v^{-l(w)+l(y)} = v^{-l(w)+l(x)} \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} \kappa(x) \kappa(y)$$

plus strictly higher powers of  $v$ . Using 4.7, this is  $-v^{-l(w)+l(x)}$  plus strictly higher powers of  $v$ . Thus,

$$\overline{\pi_{x,w}} - \pi_{x,w} = -v^{-l(w)+l(x)} + \text{plus strictly higher powers of } v.$$

Since  $\overline{\pi_{x,w}} \in v\mathbf{Z}[v]$ , it is in particular a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -linear combination of powers of  $v$  strictly higher than  $-l(w) + l(x)$ . Hence

$$-\pi_{x,w} = -v^{-l(w)+l(x)} + \text{plus strictly higher powers of } v.$$

This proves (c).

We now show that for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  we have:

$$(d) \quad v^{l(w)-l(x)} \pi_{x,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[u, u^{-1}].$$

We argue by induction on  $l(w) - l(x)$ . If  $l(w) - l(x) = 0$  then  $x = w$ ,  $\pi_{x,w} = 1$  and the result is obvious. Assume now that  $l(w) - l(x) > 0$ . Using 4.4(b) and the induction hypothesis we see that

$$\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} \pi_{y,w} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} v^{-l(y)+l(x)} \overline{r''_{x,y}} \pi_{y,w}$$

belongs to

$$\sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} v^{-l(y)+l(x)} v^{-l(w)+l(y)} \mathbf{Z}[v^2, v^{-2}]$$

hence to  $v^{-l(w)+l(x)} \mathbf{Z}[v^2, v^{-2}]$ . Thus,

$$\overline{\pi_{x,w}} - \pi_{x,w} \in v^{-l(w)+l(x)} \mathbf{Z}[v^2, v^{-2}].$$

It follows that both  $\overline{\pi_{x,w}}$  and  $\pi_{x,w}$  belong to  $v^{-l(w)+l(x)} \mathbf{Z}[v^2, v^{-2}]$ . This proves (d).

Combining (c), (d) we see that for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  we have:

(e)  $v^{l(w)-l(x)} \pi_{x,w} = P_{x,w}^\sigma$  where  $P_{x,w}^\sigma \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  has constant term 1.

We have

$$A_w = v^{-l(w)} \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} P_{y,w}^\sigma a_y.$$

Also,  $P_{w,w}^\sigma = 1$  and for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $y < w$ , we have  $\deg P_{y,w}^\sigma \leq (l(w) - l(y) - 1)/2$  (since  $\pi_{y,w} \in \underline{A}_{<0}$ ). Thus the existence statement in 0.4(a) is established. To prove the uniqueness statement in 0.4(a) it is enough to prove the following statement:

(f) *Let  $m, m' \in \underline{M}$  be such that  $\bar{m} = \bar{m}'$ ,  $m - m' \in \underline{M}_{>0}$ . Then  $m = m'$ .*

The proof is entirely similar to that in [LV, 3.2] (or that of [L2, 5.2(e)]). The proof of 0.4(b) is immediate. This completes the proof of Theorem 0.4.

The following result is a restatement of (e).

**Proposition 4.10.** *Let  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  be such that  $y \leq w$ . The constant term of  $P_{y,w}^\sigma \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  is equal to 1.*

## 5. THE SUBMODULE $\underline{M}^K$ OF $\underline{M}$

**5.1.** Let  $K$  be a subset of  $S$  which generates a finite subgroup  $W_K$  of  $W$  and let  $K^*$  be the image of  $K$  under  $*$ . For any  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset  $\Omega$  in  $W$  we denote by  $d_\Omega$  (resp.  $b_\Omega$ ) the unique element of maximal (resp. minimal) length of  $\Omega$ . Now  $w \mapsto w^{*-1}$  maps any  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset in  $W$  to a  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset in  $W$ ; let  $\mathbf{I}_*^K$  be the set of  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double cosets  $\Omega$  in  $W$  such that  $\Omega$  is stable under this map, or equivalently, such that  $d_\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*$ , or such that  $b_\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . We set

$$\mathbf{P}_K = \sum_{x \in W_K} u^{l(x)} \in \mathbf{N}[u].$$

If in addition  $K$  is  $*$ -stable we set

$$\mathbf{P}_{H,*} = \sum_{x \in W_K, x^* = x} u^{l(x)} \in \mathbf{N}[u].$$

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$ . Let  $x \in \mathbf{I}_* \cap \Omega$  and let  $b = b_\Omega$ . Then there exists a sequence  $x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b$  in  $\mathbf{I}_* \cap \Omega$  and a sequence  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  in  $S$  such that for any  $i \in [1, n]$  we have  $x_i = s_i \bullet x_{i-1}$ .*

We argue by induction on  $l(x)$  (which is  $\geq l(b)$ ). If  $l(x) = l(b)$  then  $x = b$  and the result is obvious (with  $n = 0$ ). Now assume that  $l(x) > l(b)$ . Let  $H = K \cap (bK'b^{-1})$ . By 1.2(a) we have  $x = cbzc'^{-1}$  where  $c \in W_K$ ,  $z \in W_{H^*}$  satisfies  $bz = z^*b$  and  $l(x) = l(c) + l(b) + l(z) + l(c)$ . If  $c \neq 1$  we write  $c = sc'$ ,  $s \in K, c' \in W_K$ ,  $c' < c$  and we set  $x_1 = c'bz c'^{-1}$ . We have  $x_1 = xs^* \in \Omega$ ,  $l(x_1) < l(x)$ . Using the induction hypothesis for  $x_1$  we see that the desired result holds for  $x$ . Thus we can assume that  $c = 1$  so that  $x = bz$ . Let  $\tau : W_{H^*} \rightarrow W_{H^*}$  be the automorphism  $y \mapsto b^{-1}y^*b$ ; note that  $\tau(H^*) = H^*$  and  $\tau^2 = 1$ . We have  $z \in \mathbf{I}_\tau$  where  $\mathbf{I}_\tau := \{y \in W_{H^*}; \tau(y)^{-1} = y\}$ .

Since  $l(bz) > l(b)$  we have  $z \neq 1$ . We can find  $s \in H^*$  such that  $sz < z$ .

If  $sz = z\tau(s)$  then  $sz \in \mathbf{I}_\tau$ ,  $bsz \in \Omega$ ,  $l(bsz) < l(bz)$ . Using the induction hypothesis for  $bsz$  instead of  $x$  we see that the desired result holds for  $x = bz$ . (We have  $bsz = tbz = bzt^*$  where  $t = (\tau(s))^* \in H$ .)

If  $sz \neq z\tau(s)$  then  $sz\tau(s) \in \mathbf{I}_t$ ,  $bsz\tau(s) \in \Omega$ ,  $l(bsz\tau(s)) < l(bz)$ . Using the induction hypothesis for  $bsz\tau(s)$  instead of  $x$  we see that the desired result holds for  $x = bz$ . (We have  $bsz\tau(s) = tbzt^*$  where  $t = (\tau(s))^* \in H$ .) The lemma is proved.

**5.3.** For any  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  we set

$$a_\Omega = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_* \cap \Omega} a_w \in \underline{M}.$$

Let  $\underline{M}^K$  be the  $\underline{A}$ -submodule of  $\underline{M}$  spanned by the elements  $a_\Omega (\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K)$ . In other words,  $\underline{M}^K$  consists of all  $m = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*} m_w a_w \in \underline{M}$  such that the function  $\mathbf{I}_* \rightarrow \underline{A}$  given by  $w \mapsto m_w$  is constant on  $\mathbf{I}_* \cap \Omega$  for any  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** (a) *We have  $\underline{M}^K = \cap_{s \in K} \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ .*

(b) *The  $\underline{A}$ -submodule  $\underline{M}^K$  is stable under  $\bar{\cdot} : \underline{M} \rightarrow \underline{M}$ .*

(c) *Let  $\mathbf{S} = \sum_{x \in W_K} T_x \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  and let  $m \in \underline{M}$ . We have  $\mathbf{S}m \in \underline{M}^K$ .*

We prove (a). The fact that  $\underline{M}^K \subset \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$  (for  $s \in K$ ) follows from the fact that any  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset in  $W$  is a union of  $(W_{\{s\}}, W_{\{s^*\}})$ -double cosets in  $W$ . Thus we have  $\underline{M}^K \subset \cap_{s \in K} \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . Conversely let  $m \in \cap_{s \in K} \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . We have  $m = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*} m_w a_w \in \underline{M}$  where  $m_w \in \underline{A}$  is zero for all but finitely many  $w$  and we have  $m_w = m_{s \bullet w}$  if  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $s \in K$ . Using 5.2 we see that  $m_x = m_{b_\Omega} = m_{x'}$  whenever  $x, x' \in \mathbf{I}_*$  are in the same  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$ -double coset  $\Omega$  in  $W$ . Thus,  $m \in \underline{M}^K$ . This proves (a).

We prove (b). Using (a), we can assume that  $K = \{s\}$  with  $s \in S$ . By 1.3, if  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^{\{s\}}$ , then we have  $\Omega = \{w, s \bullet w\}$  for some  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $sw > w$ . Hence it is enough to show that for such  $w$  we have  $\overline{a_w + a_{s \bullet w}} \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . We have

$\overline{a_w + a_{s\bullet w}} = \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*} m_x a_x$  with  $m_x \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  and we must show that  $m_x = m_{s\bullet x}$  for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . If we can show that  $f\overline{a_w + a_{s\bullet w}} \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$  for some  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{A}} - \{0\}$  then it would follow that for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $fm_x = fm_{s\bullet x}$  hence  $m_x = m_{s\bullet x}$  as desired. Thus it is enough to show that

(d)  $(u^{-1} + 1)\overline{a_w + a_{sw}} \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$  if  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  is such that  $sw = ws^* > w$ ,

(e)  $\overline{a_w + a_{sws^*}} \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$  if  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  is such that  $sw \neq ws^* > w$ .

In the setup of (d) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (u^{-1} + 1)\overline{a_w + a_{sw}} &= \overline{(u + 1)(a_w + a_{sw})} = \overline{(T_s + 1)a_w} = \overline{T_s + 1}(\overline{a_w}) \\ &= u^{-2}(T_s + 1)\overline{a_w} \end{aligned}$$

(see 0.1(i)); in the setup of (e) we have

$$\overline{a_w + a_{sws^*}} = \overline{(T_s + 1)a_w} = \overline{T_s + 1}(\overline{a_w}) = u^{-2}(T_s + 1)(\overline{a_w})$$

(see 0.1(iii)). Thus it is enough show that  $(T_s + 1)(\overline{a_w}) \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$  for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . Since  $\overline{a_w}$  is an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -linear combination of elements  $a_x, x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  it is enough to show that  $(T_s + 1)a_x \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . This follows immediately from 0.1(i)-(iv).

We prove (c). Let  $m' = \mathbf{S}m = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*} m'_w a_w$ ,  $m'_w \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$ . For any  $s \in K$  we have  $\mathbf{S} = (T_s + 1)h$  for some  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  hence  $m' \in (T_s + 1)\underline{M}$ . This implies by the formulas 0.1(i)-(iv) that  $m'_w = w'_{s\bullet w}$  for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ; in other words we have  $m' \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . Since this holds for any  $s \in K$  we see, using (a), that  $m' \in \underline{M}^K$ . The lemma is proved.

**5.5.** For  $\Omega, \Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  we write  $\Omega \leq \Omega'$  when  $d_\Omega \leq d_{\Omega'}$ . This is a partial order on  $\mathbf{I}_*^K$ . For any  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  we set

$$a'_\Omega = v^{-l(d_\Omega)} a_\Omega = \sum_{x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*^K} v^{l(x) - l(d_\Omega)} a'_x.$$

Clearly,  $\{a'_\Omega; \Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K\}$  is an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -basis of  $\underline{M}^K$ . Hence from 5.4(b) we see that

$$\overline{a'_\Omega} = \sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \overline{r_{\Omega', \Omega}} a'_{\Omega'}$$

where  $r_{\Omega', \Omega} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  is zero for all but finitely many  $\Omega'$ . On the other hand we have

$$(a) \quad \overline{a'_\Omega} = \sum_{x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*, y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq x} v^{-l(x) + l(d_\Omega)} \overline{r_{y, x}} a'_y$$

hence

$$r_{\Omega', \Omega} = \sum_{x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*; d_{\Omega'} \leq x} v^{l(x) - l(d_\Omega)} r_{d_{\Omega'}, x}$$



It follows that

$$(b) \quad r_{\Omega, \Omega} = 1$$

(we use that  $r_{d_\Omega, d_\Omega} = 1$ ) and

$$(c) \quad r_{\Omega', \Omega} \neq 0 \implies \Omega' \leq \Omega.$$

Indeed, if for some  $x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $d_{\Omega'} \leq x$ , then  $d_{\Omega'} \leq d_\Omega$ . We have

$$a'_\Omega = \overline{\overline{a'_\Omega}} = \overline{\sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \overline{r_{\Omega', \Omega} a'_{\Omega'}}} = \sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} r_{\Omega', \Omega} \sum_{\Omega'' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \overline{r_{\Omega'', \Omega'} a'_{\Omega''}}.$$

Hence

$$(d) \quad \sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \overline{r_{\Omega'', \Omega'} r_{\Omega', \Omega}} = \delta_{\Omega, \Omega''}$$

for any  $\Omega, \Omega''$  in  $\mathbf{I}_*^K$ .

Note that

$$(e) \quad a'_\Omega = a'_{d_\Omega} \pmod{\underline{M}_{<0}}.$$

Indeed, if  $x \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*^K$ ,  $x \neq d_\Omega$  then  $l(x) - l(d_\Omega) < 0$ .

**5.6.** Let  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$ . We will construct for any  $\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  such that  $\Omega' \leq \Omega$  an element  $u_{\Omega'} \in \underline{A}_{\leq 0}$  such that

$$(a) \quad u_\Omega = 1,$$

$$(b) \quad u_{\Omega'} \in \underline{A}_{<0}, \quad \overline{u_{\Omega'}} - u_{\Omega'} = \sum_{\Omega'' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K; \Omega' < \Omega'' \leq \Omega} r_{\Omega', \Omega''} u_{\Omega''} \text{ for any } \Omega' < \Omega.$$

The proof follows closely that in 4.9. We argue by induction on  $l(d_\Omega) - l(d_{\Omega'})$ . If  $l(d_\Omega) - l(d_{\Omega'}) = 0$  then  $\Omega = \Omega'$  and we set  $u_{\Omega'} = 1$ . Assume now that  $l(d_\Omega) - l(d_{\Omega'}) > 0$  and that  $u_{\Omega_1}$  is already defined whenever  $\Omega_1 \leq \Omega$ ,  $l(d_\Omega) - l(d_{\Omega_1}) < l(d_\Omega) - l(d_{\Omega'})$  so that (a) holds and (b) holds if  $\Omega'$  is replaced by any such  $\Omega_1$ . Then the right hand side of the equality in (b) is defined. We denote it by  $\alpha_{\Omega'} \in \underline{A}$ . We have  $\alpha_{\Omega'} + \overline{\alpha_{\Omega'}} = 0$  by a computation like that in 4.9, but using 5.5(b),(c),(d). From this we see that  $\alpha_{\Omega'} = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \gamma_n v^n$  (finite sum) where  $\gamma_n \in \mathbf{Z}$  satisfy  $\gamma_n + \gamma_{-n} = 0$  for all  $n$  and in particular  $\gamma_0 = 0$ . Then  $u_{\Omega'} = -\sum_{n < 0} \gamma_n v^n \in \underline{A}_{<0}$  satisfies  $\overline{u_{\Omega'}} - u_{\Omega'} = \alpha_{\Omega'}$ . This completes the inductive construction of the elements  $u_{\Omega'}$ .

We set  $A_\Omega = \sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K; \Omega' \leq \Omega} u_{\Omega'} a'_{\Omega'} \in \underline{M}_{\leq 0} \cap \underline{M}^K$ . We have

$$(c) \quad \overline{A_\Omega} = A_\Omega.$$

(This follows from (b) as in the proof of the analogous equality  $\overline{A_w} = A_w$  in 4.9.)

We will also write  $u_{\Omega'} = \pi_{\Omega', \Omega} \in \underline{A}_{\leq 0}$  so that

$$A_\Omega = \sum_{\Omega' \in \mathbf{I}_*^K; \Omega' \leq \Omega} \pi_{\Omega', \Omega} a'_{\Omega'}.$$

We show

$$(d) \quad A_\Omega - A_{d_\Omega} \in \underline{M}_{<0}.$$

Using 5.5(a) and  $\pi_{\Omega', \Omega} \in \underline{A}_{<0}$  (for  $\Omega' < \Omega$ ) we see that  $A_\Omega = a'_{d_\Omega} \pmod{\underline{M}_{<0}}$ ; it remains to use that  $A_{d_\Omega} = a'_{d_\Omega} \pmod{\underline{M}_{<0}}$ .

Applying 4.9(f) to  $m = A_\Omega$ ,  $m' = A_{d_\Omega}$  (we use (c),(d)) we deduce:

$$(e) \quad A_\Omega = A_{d_\Omega}.$$

In particular,

(f) *For any  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  we have  $A_{d_\Omega} \in \underline{M}^K$ .*

**5.7.** We define an  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear map  $\zeta : M \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(u)$  by  $\zeta(a_w) = u^{l(w)}(\frac{u-1}{u+1})^{\phi(w)}$  (see 4.5(a)) for  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . We show:

(a) *For any  $x \in W, m \in M$  we have  $\zeta(T_x m) = u^{2l(x)}\zeta(m)$ .*

We can assume that  $x = s, m = a_w$  where  $s \in S, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . Then we are in one of the four cases (i)-(iv) in 0.1. We set  $n = l(w)$ ,  $d = \phi(w)$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{u-1}{u+1}$ . The identities to be checked in the cases 0.1(i)-(iv) are:

$$u^2 u^n \lambda^d = u u^n \lambda^d + (u+1) u^{n+1} \lambda^{d+1},$$

$$u^2 u^n \lambda^d = (u^2 - u - 1) u^n \lambda^d + (u^2 - u) u^{n-1} \lambda^{d-1},$$

$$u^2 u^n \lambda^d = u^{n+2} \lambda^d,$$

$$u^2 u^n \lambda^d = (u^2 - 1) u^n \lambda^d + u^2 u^{n-2} \lambda^d,$$

respectively. These are easily verified.

**5.8.** Assuming that  $K^* = K$ , we set

$$\mathcal{R}_{K,*} = \sum_{y \in W_K; y^* = y^{-1}} u^{l(y)} \left( \frac{u-1}{u+1} \right)^{\phi(y)} \in \mathbf{Q}(u).$$

Let  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$ . Define  $b, H, \tau$  as in 5.2. Let

$$W_K^H = \{c \in W_K; l(w) \leq l(wr) \text{ for any } r \in W_H\}.$$

Using 1.2(a) we have  $\sum_{w \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*} \zeta(a_w) = \sum_{c \in W_K^H} u^{2l(c)} \zeta(a_b) \mathcal{R}_{H^*, \tau}(u)$  hence

$$(a) \quad \sum_{w \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*} \zeta(a_w) = \mathbf{P}_K(u^2) \mathbf{P}_H(u^2)^{-1} \zeta(a_b) \mathcal{R}_{H^*, \tau}(u).$$

We have the following result.

**Proposition 5.9.** *Assume that  $W$  is finite. We have*

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{R}_{S,*}(u) = \mathbf{P}_S(u^2) \mathbf{P}_{S,*}(u)^{-1}.$$

We can assume that  $W$  is irreducible. We prove (a) by induction on  $|S|$ . If  $|S| \leq 2$ , (a) is easily checked. Now assume that  $|S| \geq 3$ . Taking sum over all  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  in 5.7(a) we obtain

$$\mathcal{R}_{S,*}(u) = \mathbf{P}_K(u^2) \sum_{\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \mathbf{P}_H(u^2)^{-1} \zeta(a_b) \mathcal{R}_{H^*,\tau}(u)$$

where  $b, H, \tau$  depend on  $\Omega$  as in 5.2. Using the induction hypothesis we obtain

$$\mathcal{R}_{S,*}(u) = \mathbf{P}_K(u^2) \sum_{\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K} \zeta(a_b) \mathbf{P}_{H^*,\tau}(u)^{-1}.$$

We now choose  $K \subset S$  so that  $W_K$  is of type

$$A_{n-1}, B_{n-1}, D_{n-1}, A_1, B_3, A_5, D_7, E_7, I_2(5), H_3$$

where  $W$  is of type

$$A_n, B_n, D_n, G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8, H_3, H_4$$

respectively. Then there are few  $(W_K, W_{K^*})$  double cosets and the sum above can be computed in each case and gives the desired result. (In the case where  $W$  is a Weyl group, there is an alternative, uniform, proof of (a) using flag manifolds over a finite field.)

**5.10.** We return to the general case. Let  $\Omega \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$  and let  $b, H, \tau$  be as in 5.2. By 5.4(c) we have  $\mathbf{S}a_b \in \underline{M}^K$ . From 0.1(i)-(iv) we see that  $\mathbf{S}a_b = \sum_{y \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*} f_y a_y$  where  $f_y \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  for all  $y$ . Hence we must have  $\mathbf{S}a_b = f a_\Omega$  for some  $f \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$ . Applying  $\zeta$  to the last equality and using 5.7(a) we obtain  $\mathbf{P}_K(u^2) \zeta(a_b) = f \sum_{y \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*} \zeta(a_y)$ . From 5.8(a), 5.9(a) we have

$$\sum_{y \in \Omega \cap \mathbf{I}_*} \zeta(a_y) = \mathbf{P}_K(u^2) \zeta(a_b) \mathbf{P}_{H^*,\tau}(u)^{-1}$$

where  $b, H, \tau$  depend on  $\Omega$  as in 5.8. Thus  $f = \mathbf{P}_{H^*,\tau}(u)$ . We see that

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{S}a_b = \mathbf{P}_{H^*,\tau}(u) a_\Omega.$$

**5.11.** In this subsection we assume that  $K^* = K$ . Then  $\Omega := W_K \in \mathbf{I}_*^K$ . We have the following result.

$$(a) \quad A_\Omega = v^{-l(w_K)} a_\Omega.$$

By 5.6(f) we have  $A_\Omega = f a_\Omega$  for some  $f \in \underline{A}$ . Taking the coefficient of  $a_{w_K}$  in both sides we get  $f = v^{-l(w_K)}$  proving (a).

Here is another proof of (a). It is enough to prove that  $v^{-l(w_K)} a_\Omega$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . By 5.10(a) we have  $u^{-l(w_K)} \mathbf{S}a_1 = u^{-l(w_K)} \mathbf{P}_{K,*}(u) a_\Omega$ . The left hand side of this equality is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$  since  $a_1$  and  $u^{-l(w_K)} \mathbf{S}$  are fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Hence  $v^{-2l(w_K)} \mathbf{P}_{K,*}(u) a_\Omega$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Since  $v^{-l(w_K)} \mathbf{P}_{K,*}(u)$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$  and is nonzero, it follows that  $v^{-l(w_K)} a_\Omega$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ , as desired.

## 6. THE ACTION OF $u^{-1}(T_s + 1)$ IN THE BASIS $(A_w)$

**6.1.** In this section we fix  $s \in S$ .

Let  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . When  $y \leq w$  we have as in 4.9,  $\pi_{y,w} = v^{-l(w)+l(y)} P_{y,w}^\sigma$  so that  $\pi_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{<0}$  if  $y < w$  and  $\pi_{w,w} = 1$ ; when  $y \not\leq w$  we set  $\pi_{y,w} = 0$ . In any case we set as in [LV, 4.1]:

(a)  $\pi_{y,w} = \delta_{y,w} + \mu'_{y,w} v^{-1} + \mu''_{y,w} v^{-2} \pmod{v^{-3} \mathbf{Z}[v^{-1}]}$   
 where  $\mu'_{y,w} \in \mathbf{Z}, \mu''_{y,w} \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Note that

(b)  $\mu'_{y,w} \neq 0 \implies y < w, \epsilon_y = -\epsilon_w$ ,

(c)  $\mu''_{y,w} \neq 0 \implies y < w, \epsilon_y = \epsilon_w$ .

**6.2.** As in [LV, 4.3], for any  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $sy < y < sw > w$  we define  $\mathcal{M}_{y,w}^s \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  by:

$$\mathcal{M}_{y,w}^s = \mu''_{y,w} - \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; y < x < w, sx < x} \mu'_{y,x} \mu'_{x,w} - \delta_{sw,ws^*} \mu'_{y,sw} + \mu'_{sy,w} \delta_{sy,ys^*}$$

if  $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_w$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}_{y,w}^s = \mu'_{y,w} (v + v^{-1})$$

if  $\epsilon_y = -\epsilon_w$ .

The following result was proved in [LV, 4.4] assuming that  $W$  is a Weyl group or affine Weyl group. (We set  $c_s = u^{-1}(T_s + 1) \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}.$ )

**Theorem 6.3.** *Let  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ .*

- (a) *If  $sw = ws^* > w$  then  $c_s A_w = (v + v^{-1}) A_{sw} + \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; sz < z < sw} \mathcal{M}_{z,w}^s A_z$ .*
- (b) *If  $sw \neq ws^* > w$  then  $c_s A_w = A_{sws^*} + \sum_{z \in \mathbf{I}_*; sz < z < sws^*} \mathcal{M}_{z,w}^s A_z$ .*
- (c) *If  $sw < w$  then  $c_s A_w = (u + u^{-1}) A_w$ .*

(In the case considered in [LV, 4.4] the last sum in the formula which corresponds to (b) involves  $sz < z < sw$  instead of  $sz < z < sws^*$ ; but as shown in *loc.cit.* the two conditions are equivalent.)

We prove (c). We have  $sw < w$ . By 5.6(f) we have  $A_w \in \underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . Hence it is enough to show that  $c_s m = (u + u^{-1})m$  where  $m$  runs through a set of generators of the  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -module  $\underline{M}^{\{s\}}$ . Thus it is enough to show that  $c_s(a_x + a_{s \bullet x}) = (u + u^{-1})(a_x + a_{s \bullet x})$  for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . This follows immediately from 0.1(i)-(iv).

Now the proof of (a),(b) (assuming (c)) is exactly as in [LV, 4.4]. (Note that in [LV, 3.3], (c) was proved (in the Weyl group case) by an argument (based on geometry via [LV, 3.4]) which is not available in our case and which we have replaced by the analysis in §5.)

## 7. AN INVERSION FORMULA

**7.1.** In this section we assume that  $W$  is finite. Let  $\hat{M} = \text{Hom}_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}(\underline{M}, \underline{\mathcal{A}})$ . For any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we define  $\hat{a}'_w \in \hat{M}$  by  $\hat{a}'_w(a'_y) = \delta_{y,w}$  for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . Then  $\{\hat{a}'_w; w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$  is an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -basis of  $\hat{M}$ . We define an  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module structure on  $\hat{M}$  by  $(hf)(m) = f(h^b m)$

(with  $f \in \hat{\underline{M}}$ ,  $m \in \underline{M}$ ,  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ ) where  $h \mapsto h^\flat$  is the algebra antiautomorphism of  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  such that  $T'_s \mapsto \overline{T'_s}$  for all  $s \in S$ . (Recall that  $T'_s = u^{-1}T_s$ .) We define a bar operator  $\bar{\cdot} : \hat{\underline{M}} \rightarrow \hat{\underline{M}}$  by  $\bar{f}(m) = \overline{f(\bar{m})}$  (with  $f \in \hat{\underline{M}}$ ,  $m \in \underline{M}$ ); in  $\overline{f(\bar{m})}$  the lower bar is that of  $\underline{M}$  and the upper bar is that of  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ . We have  $\overline{\bar{h}f} = \bar{h}\bar{f}$  for  $f \in \hat{\underline{M}}$ ,  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ .

Let  $\diamond : W \rightarrow W$  be the involution  $x \mapsto w_S x^* w_S = (w_S x w_S)^*$  which leaves  $S$  stable. We have  $\mathbf{I}_\diamond = w_S \mathbf{I}_* = \mathbf{I}_* w_S$ . We define the  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -module  $\underline{M}_\diamond$  and its basis  $\{b'_z; z \in \mathbf{I}_\diamond\}$  in terms of  $\diamond$  in the same way as  $\underline{M}$  and its basis  $\{a'_w; w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$  were defined in terms of  $*$ . Note that  $\underline{M}_\diamond$  has an  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module structure and a bar operator  $\bar{\cdot} : \underline{M}_\diamond \rightarrow \underline{M}_\diamond$  analogous to those of  $\underline{M}$ .

We define an isomorphism of  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -modules  $\Phi : \hat{\underline{M}} \rightarrow \underline{M}_\diamond$  by  $\Phi(\hat{a}'_w) = \kappa(w)b'_{w w_S}$ . Here  $\kappa(w)$  is as in 4.5(a). Let  $h \mapsto h^\dagger$  be the algebra automorphism of  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  such that  $T'_s \mapsto -T'^{-1}_s$  for any  $s \in S$ . We have the following result.

**Lemma 7.2.** *For any  $f \in \hat{\underline{M}}$ ,  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  we have  $\Phi(hf) = h^\dagger \Phi(f)$ .*

It is enough to show this when  $h$  runs through a set of algebra generators of  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$  and  $f$  runs through a basis of  $\hat{\underline{M}}$ . Thus it is enough to show for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $s \in S$  that  $\Phi(T_s \hat{a}'_w) = -T_s^{-1} \Phi(\hat{a}'_w)$  or that

$$(a) \quad \Phi(T_s \hat{a}'_w) = -\kappa(w)T_s^{-1}b'_{w w_S}.$$

We write the formulas in 4.1 with  $*$  replaced by  $\diamond$  and  $a'_w$  replaced by  $b'_{w w_S}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T'_s b'_{w w_S} &= b'_{w w_S} + (v + v^{-1})b'_{s w w_S} \text{ if } s w = w s^* < w, \\ T'_s b'_{w w_S} &= (u - 1 - u^{-1})b'_{w w_S} + (v - v^{-1})b'_{s w w_S} \text{ if } s w = w s^* > w, \\ T'_s b'_{w w_S} &= b'_{s w s^* w_S} \text{ if } s w \neq w s^* < w, \\ T'_s b'_{w w_S} &= (u - u^{-1})b'_{w w_S} + b'_{s w s^* w_S} \text{ if } s w \neq w s^* > w. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T'^{-1}_s = T'_s + u^{-1} - u$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} -T'^{-1}_s b'_{w w_S} &= -(u^{-1} + 1 - u)b'_{w w_S} - (v + v^{-1})b'_{s w w_S} \text{ if } s w = w s^* < w \\ -T'^{-1}_s b'_{w w_S} &= b'_{w w_S} - (v - v^{-1})b'_{s w w_S} \text{ if } s w = w s^* > w \\ -T'^{-1}_s b'_{w w_S} &= -(u^{-1} - u)b'_{w w_S} - b'_{s w s^* w_S} \text{ if } s w \neq w s^* < w \\ (b) \quad -T'^{-1}_s b'_{w w_S} &= -b'_{s w s^* w_S} \text{ if } s w \neq w s^* > w \end{aligned}$$

Using again the formulas in 4.1 for  $T'_s a'_y$  we see that for  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(T'_s \hat{a}'_w)(a_y) &= \hat{a}'_w(T'_s a_y) \\
&= \delta_{sy=ys^* > y} \delta_{y,w} + \delta_{sy=ys^* > y} \delta_{sy,w} (v + v^{-1}) + \delta_{sy=ys^* < y} \delta_{y,w} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \\
&+ \delta_{sy=ys^* < y} \delta_{sy,w} (v - v^{-1}) + \delta_{sy \neq ys^* > y} \delta_{sy s^*, w} + \delta_{sy \neq ys^* < y} \delta_{y,w} (u - u^{-1}) \\
&+ \delta_{sy \neq ys^* < y} \delta_{sy s^*, w} \\
&= \delta_{sw=ws^* > w} \delta_{y,w} + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} \delta_{y,sw} (v + v^{-1}) + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} \delta_{y,w} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \\
&+ \delta_{sw=ws^* > w} \delta_{y,sw} (v - v^{-1}) + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} \delta_{y,sw s^*} \\
&+ \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} \delta_{y,w} (u - u^{-1}) + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* > w} \delta_{y,sw s^*} \\
&= (\delta_{sw=ws^* > w} \hat{a}'_w + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} (v + v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w \\
&+ \delta_{sw=ws^* > w} (v - v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} \hat{a}'_{sw s^*} \\
&+ \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} (u - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* > w} \hat{a}'_{sw s^*})(a_y).
\end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
T'_s \hat{a}'_w &= \delta_{sw=ws^* > w} \hat{a}'_w + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} (v + v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} + \delta_{sw=ws^* < w} (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w \\
&+ \delta_{sw=ws^* > w} (v - v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} \hat{a}'_{sw s^*} \\
&+ \delta_{sw \neq ws^* < w} (u - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w + \delta_{sw \neq ws^* > w} \hat{a}'_{sw s^*}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T'_s \hat{a}'_w &= \hat{a}'_w + (v - v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} \text{ if } sw = ws^* > w, \\
T'_s \hat{a}'_w &= (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w + (v + v^{-1}) \hat{a}'_{sw} \text{ if } sw = ws^* < w, \\
T'_s \hat{a}'_w &= \hat{a}'_{sw s^*} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* > w, \\
T'_s \hat{a}'_w &= (u - u^{-1}) \hat{a}'_w + \hat{a}'_{sw s^*} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* < w.
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(T'_s \hat{a}'_w) &= \kappa(w) b'_{ww_S} + (v - v^{-1}) \kappa(sw) b'_{sw w_S} \text{ if } sw = ws^* > w \\
\Phi(T'_s \hat{a}'_w) &= (u - 1 - u^{-1}) \kappa(w) b'_{ww_S} + (v + v^{-1}) \kappa(sw) b'_{sw w_S} \text{ if } sw = ws^* < w \\
\Phi(T'_s \hat{a}'_w) &= \kappa(sw s^*) b'_{sw s^* w_S} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* > w \\
(c) \quad \Phi(T'_s \hat{a}'_w) &= (u - u^{-1}) \kappa(w) b'_w + \kappa(sw s^*) b'_{sw s^* w_S} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* < w.
\end{aligned}$$

From (b),(c) we see that to prove (a) we must show:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\kappa(w) b'_{ww_S} + (v - v^{-1}) \kappa(sw) b'_{sw w_S} \\
&= \kappa(w) b'_{ww_S} - \kappa(w) (v - v^{-1}) b'_{sw w_S} \text{ if } sw = ws^* > w,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (u - 1 - u^{-1})\kappa(w)b'_{ww_S} + (v + v^{-1})\kappa(sw)b'_{sw_S} \\
& = -\kappa(w)(u^{-1} + 1 - u)b'_{ww_S} - \kappa(w)(v + v^{-1})b'_{sw_S} \text{ if } sw = ws^* < w, \\
& \quad \kappa(sw_S^*)b'_{sw_S^*w_S} = -\kappa(w)b'_{sw_S^*w_S} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* > w, \\
& (u - u^{-1})\kappa(w)b'_w + \kappa(sw_S^*)b'_{sw_S^*w_S} \\
& = -\kappa(w)(u^{-1} - u)b'_{ww_S} - \kappa(w)b'_{sw_S^*w_S} \text{ if } sw \neq ws^* < w.
\end{aligned}$$

This is obvious. The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 7.3.** *We define a map  $B : \hat{M} \rightarrow \hat{M}$  by  $B(f) = \Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(f)})$  where the bar refers to  $\underline{M}_\diamond$ . We have  $B(f) = \bar{f}$  for all  $f \in \hat{M}$ .*

We show that

$$(a) \ B(hf) = \bar{h}B(f)$$

for all  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}, f \in \hat{M}$ . This is equivalent to  $\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(hf)}) = \bar{h}\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(f)})$  or (using 7.2) to  $\overline{h^\dagger \Phi(f)} = \Phi(\bar{h}\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(f)}))$  or (using 7.2) to  $\overline{h^\dagger(\Phi(f))} = (\bar{h})^\dagger \Phi(\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(f)}))$ ; it remains to use that  $\overline{h^\dagger} = (\bar{h})^\dagger$ .

Next we show that

$$(b) \ B(\hat{a}'_{w_S}) = \hat{a}'_{w_S}.$$

Indeed the left hand side is

$$\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(\hat{a}'_{w_S})}) = \Phi^{-1}(\overline{\kappa(w_S)b'_1}) = \kappa(w_S)\Phi^{-1}(b'_1) = \hat{a}'_{w_S}$$

as required. (We have used that  $\overline{b'_1} = b'_1$  in  $\underline{M}_\diamond$ .) Next we show:

$$(c) \ \overline{\hat{a}'_{w_S}} = \hat{a}'_{w_S}.$$

Indeed for  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$\overline{\hat{a}'_{w_S}(a'_y)} = \overline{\hat{a}'_{w_S}(\overline{a'_y})} = \hat{a}'_{w_S}(\sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y} \bar{r}_{x,y} a'_x) = \overline{\bar{r}_{w_S, w_S} \delta_{y, w_S}} = \delta_{y, w_S} = \hat{a}'_{w_S}(a'_y)$$

(we use that  $r_{w_S, w_S} = 1$ ). This proves (c).

Since  $\overline{hf} = \bar{h}\bar{f}$  for all  $h \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}, f \in \hat{M}$  we see (using (a),(b),(c)) that the map  $f \mapsto \overline{B(f)}$  from  $\hat{M}$  into itself is  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -linear and carries  $\hat{a}'_{w_S}$  to itself. This implies that this map is the identity. (It is enough to show that  $\hat{a}'_{w_S}$  generates the  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module  $\hat{M}$  after extending scalars to  $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ . Using 7.2 it is enough to show that  $b'_1$  generates the  $\underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ -module  $\underline{M}_\diamond$  after extending scalars to  $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ . This is known from 2.11.) We see that  $f = \overline{B(f)}$  for all  $f \in \hat{M}$ . Applying  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  to both sides (an involution of  $\hat{M}$ ) we deduce that  $\bar{f} = B(f)$  for all  $f \in \hat{M}$ . The lemma is proved.

**7.4.** Recall that  $\overline{a'_w} = \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} \overline{r_{y,w}} a'_y$  for  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . The analogous equality in  $\underline{M}_\diamond$  is

$$(a) \quad \overline{b'_z} = \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_\diamond; x \leq z} \overline{r_{x,z}^\diamond} b'_x \text{ for } x \in \mathbf{I}_\diamond.$$

Here  $r_{x,z}^\diamond \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$ . We have the following result.

**Proposition 7.5.** *Let  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  be such that  $y \leq w$ . We have*

$$\overline{r_{y,w}} = \kappa(y)\kappa(w)r_{ww_S, yw_S}^\diamond.$$

We show that for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$(a) \quad \overline{\hat{a}'_y} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \hat{a}'_w.$$

Indeed for any  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\hat{a}'_y(a'_x)} &= \overline{\hat{a}'_y(\overline{a'_x})} = \overline{\hat{a}'_y\left(\sum_{x' \in \mathbf{I}_*; x' \leq x} \bar{r}_{x',x} a'_{x'}\right)} = \overline{\delta_{y \leq x} \bar{r}_{y,x}} = \delta_{y \leq x} r_{y,x} \\ &= \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \hat{a}'_w(a'_x). \end{aligned}$$

Using (a) and 7.3 we see that for any  $y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have

$$\Phi^{-1}(\overline{\Phi(\hat{a}'_y)}) = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \hat{a}'_w.$$

It follows that  $\overline{\Phi(\hat{a}'_y)} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \Phi(\hat{a}'_w)$  that is,

$$\overline{\kappa(y)b'_{yw_S}} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \kappa(w)b'_{ww_S}.$$

Using 7.4(a) to compute the left hand side we obtain

$$\kappa(y) \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; ww_S \leq yw_S} \overline{r_{ww_S, yw_S}^\diamond} b'_{ww_S} = \sum_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq w} r_{y,w} \kappa(w)b'_{ww_S}.$$

Hence for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $y \leq w$  we have  $r_{y,w} \kappa(w) = \kappa(y) \overline{r_{ww_S, yw_S}^\diamond}$ . The proposition follows.

**7.6.** Recall that for  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ,  $y \leq w$  we have  $P_{y,w}^\sigma = v^{l(w)-l(y)} \pi_{y,w}$  where  $\pi_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  satisfies  $\pi_{w,w} = 1$ ,  $\pi_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{<0}$  if  $y < w$  and

$$(a) \quad \overline{\pi_{y,w}} = \sum_{t \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq t \leq w} r_{y,t} \pi_{t,w}.$$

Replacing  $*$  by  $\diamond$  in the definition of  $P_{y,w}^\sigma$  we obtain polynomials  $P_{x,z}^{\sigma, \diamond} \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  ( $x, z \in \mathbf{I}_\diamond$ ,  $x \leq z$ ) such that  $P_{x,z}^{\sigma, \diamond} = v^{l(z)-l(x)} \pi_{x,z}^\diamond$  where  $\pi_{x,z}^\diamond \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  satisfies  $\pi_{z,z}^\diamond = 1$ ,  $\pi_{x,z}^\diamond \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{<0}$  if  $x < z$  and

$$(b) \quad \overline{\pi_{x,z}^\diamond} = \sum_{t' \in \mathbf{I}_\diamond; x \leq t' \leq z} r_{x,t'}^\diamond \pi_{t',z}^\diamond.$$

The following inversion formula (and its proof) is in the same spirit as [KL, 3.1] (see also [V]).



**Theorem 7.7.** *For any  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $y \leq w$  we have*

$$\sum_{t \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq t \leq w} \kappa(y) \kappa(t) P_{y,t}^\sigma P_{ww_S, tw_S}^{\sigma, \diamond} = \delta_{y,w}.$$

The last equality is equivalent to

$$(a) \quad \sum_{t \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq t \leq w} \kappa(y) \kappa(t) \pi_{y,t} \pi_{ww_S, tw_S}^\diamond = \delta_{y,w}.$$

Let  $M_{y,w}$  be the left hand side of (a). When  $y = w$  we have  $M_{y,w} = 1$ . Thus, we may assume that  $y < w$  and that  $M_{y',w'} = 0$  for all  $y', w' \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $y' < w'$ ,  $l(w') - l(y') < l(w) - l(y)$ . Using 7.6(a),(b) we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_{y,w} &= \sum_{t \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq t \leq w} \kappa(y) \kappa(t) \sum_{x, x' \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq x \leq t \leq x' \leq w} \overline{r_{y,x} p_{x,t} r_{ww_S, x'w_S}^\diamond p_{x'w_S, tw_S}^\diamond} \\ &= \sum_{x, x' \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq x \leq x' \leq w} \kappa(y) \kappa(x) \overline{r_{y,x} r_{ww_S, x'w_S}^\diamond} M_{x,x'}. \end{aligned}$$

The only  $x, x'$  which can contribute to the last sum satisfy  $x = x'$  or  $x = y, x' = w$ . Thus

$$M_{y,w} = \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq x \leq w} \kappa(y) \kappa(x) \overline{r_{y,x} r_{ww_S, xw_S}^\diamond} + \overline{M_{y,w}}.$$

(We have used 4.8(a).) Using 7.5 we see that the last sum over  $x$  is equal to

$$\kappa(y) \kappa(w) \sum_{x \in \mathbf{I}_*; y \leq x \leq w} \overline{r_{y,x} r_{x,w}} = 0,$$

see 4.6(a). Thus we have  $M_{y,w} = \overline{M_{y,w}}$ . Since  $M_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{<0}$ , this forces  $M_{y,w} = 0$ . The theorem is proved.

## 8. A $(-u)$ ANALOGUE OF WEIGHT MULTIPLICITIES?

**8.1.** In this section we assume that  $W$  is an irreducible affine Weyl group. An element  $x \in W$  is said to be a translation if its  $W$ -conjugacy class is finite. The set of translations is a normal subgroup  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $W$  of finite index. We fix an element  $s_0 \in S$  such that, setting  $K = S - \{s_0\}$ , the obvious map  $W_K \rightarrow W/\mathcal{T}$  is an isomorphism. (Such an  $s_0$  exists.) We assume that  $*$  is the automorphism of  $W$  such that  $x \mapsto w_K x w_K$  for all  $x \in W_K$  and  $y \mapsto w_K y^{-1} w_K$  for any  $y \in \mathcal{T}$  (this automorphism maps  $s_0$  to  $s_0$  hence it maps  $S$  onto itself). We have  $K^* = K$ .

**Proposition 8.2.** *If  $x$  is an element of  $W$  which has maximal length in its  $(W_K, W_K)$  double coset  $\Omega$  then  $x^* = x^{-1}$ .*

Note that  $\mathcal{T}_\Omega := \Omega \cap \mathcal{T}$  is a single  $W$ -conjugacy class. If  $y \in \mathcal{T}_\Omega$  then  $y^{*-1} = w_K y w_K \in \mathcal{T}_\Omega$ . Thus  $w \mapsto w^{*-1}$  maps some element of  $\Omega$  to an element of  $\Omega$ . Hence it maps  $\Omega$  onto itself. Since it is length preserving it maps  $x$  to itself.

**8.3.** Let  $\Omega, \Omega'$  be two  $(W_K, W_K)$ -double cosets in  $W$  such that  $\Omega' \leq \Omega$ . As in 5.1, let  $d_\Omega$  (resp.  $d_{\Omega'}$ ) be the longest element in  $\Omega$  (resp.  $\Omega'$ ). Let  $P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega} \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  be the polynomial attached in [KL] to the elements  $d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega$  of the Coxeter group  $W$ . Let  $G$  be a simple adjoint group over  $\mathbf{C}$  for which  $W$  is the associated affine Weyl group so that  $\mathcal{T}$  is the lattice of weights of a maximal torus of  $G$ . Let  $V_\Omega$  be the (finite dimensional) irreducible rational representation of  $G$  whose extremal weights form the set  $\mathcal{T}_\Omega$ . Let  $N_{\Omega', \Omega}$  be the multiplicity of a weight in  $\mathcal{T}_{\Omega'}$  in the representation  $V_\Omega$ . Now  $P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}$  is the  $u$ -analogue (in the sense of [L1]) of the weight multiplicity  $N_{\Omega', \Omega}$ ; in particular, according to [L1], we have

$$N_{\Omega', \Omega} = P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}|_{u=1}.$$

We have the following

**Conjecture 8.4.**  $P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}^\sigma(u) = P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}(-u)$ .

**8.5.** Now assume that  $\Omega$  (resp.  $\Omega'$ ) is the  $(W_K, W_K)$ -double coset that contains  $s_0$  (resp. the unit element). Let  $e_1 \leq e_2 \leq \dots \leq e_n$  be the exponents of  $W_K$  (recall that  $e_1 = 1$ ). The following result supports the conjecture in 8.4.

**Proposition 8.6.** *In the setup of 8.5, assume that  $W_K$  is simply laced. We have:*

- (a)  $A_{d_\Omega} = v^{-l(d_\Omega)}a_\Omega + (-1)^{e_n} \sum_{j \in [1, n]} (-u)^{-e_j} v^{-l(d_{\Omega'})} a_{\Omega'}$ ;
- (b)  $P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}(u) = \sum_{j \in [1, n]} u^{e_j-1}$ ;
- (c)  $P_{d_{\Omega'}, d_\Omega}^\sigma(u) = \sum_{j \in [1, n]} (-u)^{e_j-1}$ .

We prove (a). It is enough to show that

$$v^{-l(d_\Omega)}a_\Omega + (-1)^{e_n} \sum_{j \in [1, n]} (-u)^{-e_j} v^{-l(d_{\Omega'})} a_{\Omega'}$$

is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Let  $H = K \cap s_0 K s_0$ . We have  $H = H^*$  and  $W_H$  is contained in the centralizer of  $s_0$ . Let  $\tau : W_H \rightarrow W_H$  be the automorphism  $y \mapsto s_0 y^* s_0 = y^*$ . We have  $d_{\Omega'} = w_K$ ,  $d_\Omega = w_K w_H s_0 w_K$ ,  $l(d_\Omega) = 2l(w_K) - l(w_H) + 1$  and we must show that

- (d)  $v^{-2l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}a_\Omega + (-1)^{e_n} \sum_{j \in [1, n]} (-u)^{-e_j} v^{-l(w_K)} a_{\Omega'}$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{S} = \sum_{x \in W_K} T_x \in \underline{\mathfrak{H}}$ . Using 5.10(a) we see that

$$\mathbf{S}(a_{s_0} + a_1) = \mathbf{P}_{H,*} a_\Omega + \mathbf{P}_{K,*} a_{\Omega'}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & v^{-2l(w_K)} \mathbf{S}(v^{-1}(a_{s_0} + a_\emptyset)) \\ &= v^{-l(w_H)} \mathbf{P}_{H,*} v^{-2l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1} a_\Omega + v^{-l(w_K)-1} \mathbf{P}_{K,*} v^{-l(w_K)} a_{\Omega'}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v^{-2l(w_K)}\mathbf{S}$  and  $v^{-1}(a_{s_0} + a_1)$  are fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ , we see that the left hand side of the last equality is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ , hence

$$v^{-l(w_H)}\mathbf{P}_{H,*}v^{-2l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}a_{\Omega} + v^{-l(w_K)-1}\mathbf{P}_{K,*}v^{-l(w_K)}a_{\Omega'}$$

is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Since  $v^{-l(w_H)}\mathbf{P}_{H,*}$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$  and divides  $\mathbf{P}_{K,*}$ , we see that

$$v^{-2l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}a_{\Omega} + v^{-l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}\mathbf{P}_{K,*}\mathbf{P}_{H,*}^{-1}v^{-l(w_K)}a_{\Omega'}$$

is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Hence to prove (d) it is enough to show that

$$v^{-l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}\mathbf{P}_{K,*}\mathbf{P}_{H,*}^{-1}v^{-l(w_K)}a_{\Omega'} - (-1)^{e_n} \sum_{j \in [1,n]} (-u)^{-e_j} v^{-l(w_K)}a_{\Omega'}$$

is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ . Now  $v^{-l(w_K)}a_{\Omega'}$  is fixed by  $\bar{\cdot}$ , see 5.11(a). Hence it is enough to show that

$$v^{-l(w_K)+l(w_H)-1}\mathbf{P}_{K,*}\mathbf{P}_{H,*}^{-1} - (-1)^{e_n} \sum_{j \in [1,n]} (-u)^{-e_j} \text{ is fixed by } \bar{\cdot}.$$

This is verified by direct computation in each case. This completes the proof of (a). Now (c) follows from (a) using the equality  $l(w_K w_H s_0 w_K) - l(w_K) = 2e_n$  and the known symmetry property of exponents; (b) follows from [L1].

**8.7.** In this subsection we assume that  $W_K$  is of type  $A_2$  with  $K = \{s_1, s_2\}$ . Note that  $s_1^* = s_2$ ,  $s_2^* = s_1$ . We write  $i_1 i_2 \dots$  instead of  $s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots$  (the indices are in  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ ). Let  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \Omega_4, \Omega_5$  be the  $(W_K, W_K)$  double coset of 01210, 0120, 0210, 0 and unit element respectively. We have  $d_{\Omega_1} = 1210120121$ ,  $d_{\Omega_2} = 121012012$ ,  $d_{\Omega_3} = 121021021$ ,  $d_{\Omega_4} = 1210121$ ,  $d_{\Omega_5} = 121$ . A direct computation shows that

$$A_{d_{\Omega_1}} = v^{-11}(a_{\Omega_1} + a_{\Omega_2} + a_{\Omega_3} + (1-u)a_{\Omega_4} + (1-u+u^2)a_{\Omega_5}).$$

This provides further evidence for the conjecture in 8.4.

**8.8.** In this subsection we assume that  $K = \{s_1, s_2\}$  with  $s_1 s_2$  of order 4 and with  $s_0 s_2 = s_2 s_0$ ,  $s_0 s_1$  of order 4. Note that  $x^* = x$  for all  $x \in W$ . Let  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$  be the  $(W_K, W_K)$  double coset of  $s_0 s_1 s_0$ ,  $s_0$  and unit element respectively. We have  $d_{\Omega_1} = 1212010212$ ,  $d_{\Omega_2} = 12120121$ ,  $d_{\Omega_3} = 1212$  (notation as in 8.7). A direct computation shows that

$$A_{d_{\Omega_1}} = v^{-10}(a_{\Omega_1} + a_{\Omega_2} + (1+u^2)a_{\Omega_3}).$$

This provides further evidence for the conjecture in 8.4.

## 9. REDUCTION MODULO 2

**9.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathcal{A}/2\mathcal{A} = (\mathbf{Z}/2)[u, u^{-1}]$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_2 = \underline{\mathcal{A}}/2\underline{\mathcal{A}} = (\mathbf{Z}/2)[v, v^{-1}]$ . We regard  $\mathcal{A}_2$  as a subring of  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_2$  by setting  $u = v^2$ . Let  $\mathfrak{H}_2 = \mathfrak{H}/2\mathfrak{H}$ ; this is naturally an  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -algebra with  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -basis  $(T_x)_{x \in W}$  inherited from  $\mathfrak{H}$  and with a bar operator  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathfrak{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_2$  inherited from that of  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Let  $M_2 = \mathcal{A}_2 \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M = M/2M$ . This has a  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structure and a bar operator  $\bar{\cdot} : M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  inherited from  $M$ . It has an  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -basis  $(a_w)_{w \in \mathbf{I}_*}$  inherited from  $M$ . In this section we give an alternative construction of the  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structure on  $M_2$  and its bar operator.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the free  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -module with basis  $(t_w)_{w \in W}$  with the unique  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -algebra structure with unit  $t_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} t_w t_{w'} &= t_{ww'} \text{ if } l(ww') = l(w) + l(w') \text{ and} \\ (t_s + 1)(t_s - v^2) &= 0 \text{ for all } s \in S. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be the unique ring involution such that  $\overline{v^n t_x} = v^{-n} t_{x^{-1}}^{-1}$  for any  $x \in W, n \in \mathbf{Z}$  (see [KL]). Let  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}/2\mathcal{H}$ ; this is naturally an  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_2$ -algebra with  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_2$ -basis  $(t_x)_{x \in W}$  inherited from  $\mathcal{H}$  and with a bar operator  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  inherited from that of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $h \mapsto h^\blacklozenge$  be the unique algebra antiautomorphism of  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $t_w \mapsto t_{w^{-1}}$ . (It is an involution.)

We have  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}'_2 \oplus \mathcal{H}''_2$  where  $\mathcal{H}'_2$  (resp.  $\mathcal{H}''_2$ ) is the  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{H}_2$  spanned by  $\{t_w; w \in \mathbf{I}_*\}$  (resp.  $\{t_w; w \in W - \mathbf{I}_*\}$ ). Let  $\pi : \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_2$  be the projection on the first summand. Note that for  $\xi' \in \mathcal{H}_2$  we have

- (a)  $\xi'^\blacklozenge = \xi'$  if and only if  $\xi' = \xi'_1 + \xi'_2 + \xi'_2^\blacklozenge$  where  $\xi'_1 \in \mathcal{H}'_2, \xi'_2 \in \mathcal{H}_2$ .
- (b)  $\pi(\xi'^\blacklozenge) = \pi(\xi')$ .

**Lemma 9.2.** *The map  $\mathcal{H}_2 \times \mathcal{H}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_2$ ,  $(h, \xi) \mapsto h \circ \xi = \pi(h\xi h^\blacklozenge)$  defines an  $\mathcal{H}_2$ -module structure on the abelian group  $\mathcal{H}'_2$ .*

Let  $h, h' \in \mathcal{H}_2, \xi \in \mathcal{H}'_2$ . We first show that  $(h + h') \circ \xi = h \circ \xi + h' \circ \xi$  or that  $\pi((h + h')\xi(h + h')^\blacklozenge) = \pi(h\xi h^\blacklozenge) + \pi(h'\xi h'^\blacklozenge)$ . It is enough to show that  $\pi(h\xi h^\blacklozenge) = \pi(h'\xi h'^\blacklozenge)$ . This follows from 9.1(b) since  $(h'\xi h^\blacklozenge)^\blacklozenge = h\xi^\blacklozenge h'^\blacklozenge = h\xi h'^\blacklozenge$ .

We next show that  $(hh') \circ \xi = h \circ (h' \circ \xi)$  or that  $\pi(hh'\xi h'^\blacklozenge h^\blacklozenge) = \pi(h\pi(h'\xi h'^\blacklozenge)h^\blacklozenge)$ . Setting  $\xi' = h'\xi h'^\blacklozenge$  we see that we must show that  $\pi(h\xi' h^\blacklozenge) = \pi(h\pi(\xi')h^\blacklozenge)$ . Setting  $\eta = \xi' - \pi(\xi')$  we are reduced to showing that  $\pi(h\eta h^\blacklozenge) = 0$ . Since  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}'_2$  we have  $\xi^\blacklozenge = \xi$ . Hence  $\xi'^\blacklozenge = (h'^\blacklozenge)^\blacklozenge \xi^\blacklozenge h'^\blacklozenge = h'\xi h'^\blacklozenge$  so that  $\xi'^\blacklozenge = \xi'$ . We write  $\xi' = \xi'_1 + \xi'_2 + \xi'_2^\blacklozenge$  as in 9.1(a). Then  $\pi(\xi') = \xi'_1$  and  $\eta = \xi'_2 + \xi'_2^\blacklozenge$ . We have  $h\eta h^\blacklozenge = h\xi'_2 h^\blacklozenge + h\xi'_2^\blacklozenge h^\blacklozenge = \zeta + \zeta^\blacklozenge$  where  $\zeta = h\xi'_2 h^\blacklozenge$ . Thus  $\pi(h\eta h^\blacklozenge) = \pi(\zeta + \zeta^\blacklozenge) = 0$  (see 9.1(b)). Clearly we have  $1 \circ \xi = \xi$ . The lemma is proved. ■

**9.3.** Consider the group isomorphism  $\psi : \mathcal{H}_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{H}_2$  such that  $v^n t_w \mapsto u^n T_w$  for any  $n \in \mathbf{Z}, w \in W$ . This is a ring isomorphism satisfying  $\psi(fh) = f^2\psi(h)$  for all  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_2, h \in \mathcal{H}_2$  (we have  $f^2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$ ). Using now 9.2 we see that:

(a) *The map  $\mathfrak{H}_2 \times \mathcal{H}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_2$ ,  $(h, \xi) \mapsto h \odot \xi := \pi(\psi^{-1}(h)\xi(\psi^{-1}(h))^\blacklozenge)$  defines an  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structure on the abelian group  $\mathcal{H}'_2$ .*

Note that the  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{H}'_2$  given in (a) is compatible with the  $\mathcal{A}$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{H}'_2$ . Indeed if  $f \in \mathcal{A}_2$  and  $f' \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}_2$  is such that  $f'^2 = f$  then  $f$  acts in the  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structure in (a) by  $\xi \mapsto f'\xi f' = f'^2\xi = f\xi$ .

**9.4.** Let  $s \in S, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ . The equation in this subsection take place in  $\mathcal{H}_2$ . If  $sw = ws^* > w$  we have

$$T_s \odot t_w = \pi(t_s t_w t_{s^*}) = \pi(t_{sw} t_{s^*}) = \pi((u-1)t_{sw} + ut_w) = ut_w + (u+1)t_{sw}.$$

If  $sw = ws^* < w$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_s \odot t_w &= \pi(t_s t_w t_{s^*}) = \pi(((u-1)t_w + ut_{sw})t_{s^*}) \\ &= \pi((u-1)^2 t_w + (u-1)ut_{ws^*} + ut_w) = (u^2 - u - 1)t_w + (u^2 - u)t_{sw}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $sw \neq ws^* > w$  we have

$$T_s \odot t_w = \pi(t_s t_w t_{s^*}) = \pi(t_{sws^*}) = t_{sws^*}.$$

If  $sw \neq ws^* < w$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_s \odot t_w &= \pi(t_s t_w t_{s^*}) = \pi(((u-1)t_w + ut_{sw})t_{s^*}) \\ &= \pi((u-1)^2 t_w + (u-1)ut_{ws^*} + u(u-1)t_{sw} + u^2 t_{sws^*}) = (u^2 - 1)t_w + u^2 t_{sws^*}. \end{aligned}$$

(We have used that  $\pi(t_{ws^*}) = \pi(t_{sw})$  which follows from 9.1(b).) From these formulas we see that

(a) the isomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -modules  $\mathcal{H}'_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} M_2$  given by  $t_w \mapsto a_w$  ( $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$ ) is compatible with the  $\mathfrak{H}_2$ -module structures.

**9.5.** For  $w \in W$  we set  $\overline{t_w} = \sum_{y \in W; y \leq w} \overline{\rho_{y,w}} v^{-l(w)-l(y)} t_y$  where  $\rho_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  satisfies  $\rho_{w,w} = 1$ . For  $y \in W, y \not\leq w$  we set  $\rho_{y,w} = 0$ .

For  $x, y \in W, s \in S$  such that  $sy > y$  we have

- (i)  $\rho_{x,sy} = \rho_{sx,y}$  if  $sx < x$ ,
- (ii)  $\rho_{x,sy} = \rho_{sx,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,y}$  if  $sx > x$ .

For  $x, y \in W, s \in S$  such that  $ys > y$  we have

- (iii)  $\rho_{x,ys} = \rho_{xs,y}$  if  $xs < x$ ,
- (iv)  $\rho_{x,ys} = \rho_{xs,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,y}$  if  $xs > x$ .

Note that (iii),(iv) follow from (i),(ii) using

- (v)  $\rho_{z,w} = \rho_{z^{*-1}, w^{*-1}}$  for any  $z, w \in W$ .

**9.6.** If  $f, f' \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  we write  $f \equiv f'$  if  $f, f'$  have the same image under the obvious ring homomorphism  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{A}}_2$ . We have the following result.

**Proposition 9.7.** For any  $y, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $r_{y,w} \equiv \rho_{y,w}$ .

Since the formulas 4.2(a),(b) together with  $r_{x,1} = \delta_{x,1}$  define uniquely  $r_{x,y}$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbf{I}_*$  and since  $\rho_{x,1} = \delta_{x,1}$  for any  $x$ , it is enough to show that the equations 4.2(a),(b) remain valid if each  $r$  is replaced by  $\rho$  and each  $=$  is replaced by  $\equiv$ .

Assume first that  $sy = ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ .

If  $sx = xs^* > x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (v + v^{-1})\rho_{x,sy} - (\rho_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) - (u - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y}) \\ & \equiv (v + v^{-1})(\rho_{x,sy} - \rho_{sx,y} - (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,y}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(The = follows from 9.5(ii).)

If  $sx = xs^* < x$  we have

$$(v + v^{-1})\rho_{x,sy} - (-2\rho_{x,y} + \rho_{sx,y}(v + v^{-1})) \equiv (v + v^{-1})(\rho_{x,sy} - \rho_{sx,y}) = 0.$$

(The = follows from 9.5(i).)

If  $sx \neq xs^* > x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (v + v^{-1})\rho_{x,sy} - (\rho_{sxs^*,y} + (u - 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y}) \\ & = (v + v^{-1})\rho_{sx,y} + (u - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} - (u - 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \equiv \\ & (v - v^{-1})\rho_{sx,y} - \rho_{x,y} + \rho_{sxs^*,y} = \rho_{sx,ys^*} - \rho_{x,y} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(The first, second and third = follow from 9.5(ii),(iv),(iii).)

If  $sx \neq xs^* < x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (v + v^{-1})\rho_{x,sy} - (-\rho_{x,y} + \rho_{sxs^*,y}) = (v + v^{-1})\rho_{sx,y} - (-\rho_{x,y} + \rho_{sxs^*,y}) \equiv \\ & (v - v^{-1})\rho_{sx,y} + \rho_{x,y} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} = \rho_{sx,sy} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} = \rho_{sx,sy} - \rho_{sx,ys^*} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(The first, second and third = follow from 9.5(i),(ii),(iii).)

Next we assume that  $sy \neq ys^* > y$  and  $x \in \mathbf{I}_*$ .

If  $sx = xs^* > x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_{x,sys^*} - (\rho_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) + (u + 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y}) \\ & = \rho_{sx,ys^*} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,ys^*} - \rho_{sx,y}(v^{-1} - v) - (u + 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \\ & = \rho_{x,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,ys^*} - \rho_{xs^*,y}(v^{-1} - v) - (u + 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \\ & = \rho_{x,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{xs^*,y} + (v - v^{-1})^2\rho_{x,y} - \rho_{xs^*,y}(v^{-1} - v) \\ & - (u + 1 - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

(The first, second and third = follow from 9.5(ii),(iv),(iv).)

If  $sx = xs^* < x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_{x,sys^*} - (\rho_{sx,y}(v + v^{-1}) - \rho_{x,y}) = \rho_{sx,sy} - (\rho_{sx,y}(v + v^{-1}) - \rho_{x,y}) \equiv \\ & \rho_{sx,sy} - (\rho_{sx,y}(v - v^{-1}) + \rho_{x,y}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

(The first and second = follow from 9.5(i),(ii).)

If  $sx \neq xs^* > x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \rho_{x,sys^*} - (\rho_{sxs^*,y} + (u - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y}) \\
&= \rho_{xs^*,sy} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{x,sy} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} - (u - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \\
&= \rho_{sxs^*,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{xs^*,y} + (v - v^{-1})\rho_{sx,y} + (v - v^{-1})^2\rho_{x,y} \\
&- \rho_{sxs^*,y} - (u - u^{-1})\rho_{x,y} \equiv (v - v^{-1})(\rho_{xs^*,y} - \rho_{sx,y}) \\
&= (v - v^{-1})(\rho_{(xs^*)^{*-1},y^{*-1}} - \rho_{sx,y}) = (v - v^{-1})(\rho_{sx,y} - \rho_{sx,y}) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

(The first, second, and third = follow from 9.5(iv),(ii),(v).)

If  $sx \neq xs^* < x$  we have

$$\rho_{x,sys^*} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} = \rho_{xs^*,ys^*} - \rho_{sxs^*,y} = 0.$$

(The first and second = follow from 9.5(iii),(i).)

Thus the equations 4.2(a),(b) with each  $r$  replaced by  $\rho$  and each  $=$  replaced by  $\equiv$  are verified. The proposition is proved.

**9.8.** We define a group homomorphism  $B : \mathcal{H}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_2$  by  $\xi \mapsto \pi(\bar{\xi})$ . From 9.7 we see that

(a) *under the isomorphism 9.4(a) the map  $B : \mathcal{H}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_2$  corresponds to the map  $\bar{\cdot} : M_2 \rightarrow M_2$ .*

We now give an alternative proof of (a). Using 0.2(b) and 9.4(a) we see that it is enough to show that for any  $w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  we have  $\pi(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}) = T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} \odot t_{w^{-1}}$  in  $\mathcal{H}'_2$ . Since  $\psi$  in 9.3 is a ring isomorphism, we have  $\psi(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}) = T_{w^{-1}}^{-1}$  hence

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} \odot t_{w^{-1}} &= \pi(\psi^{-1}(T_{w^{-1}}^{-1})t_{w^{-1}}(\psi^{-1}(T_{w^{-1}}^{-1}))^\spadesuit) \\
&= \pi(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}t_{w^{-1}}(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1})^\spadesuit) = \pi(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}t_{w^{-1}}t_{w^*}^{-1}) = \pi(t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}t_{w^{-1}}t_{w^{-1}}^{-1}) = \pi(t_{w^{-1}}),
\end{aligned}$$

as required.

**9.9.** For  $y, w \in W$  let  $P_{y,w} \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$  be the polynomials defined in [KL, 1.1]. (When  $y \not\leq w$  we set  $P_{y,w} = 0$ .) We set  $p_{y,w} = v^{-l(w)+l(y)}P_{y,w} \in \underline{\mathcal{A}}$ . Note that  $p_{w,w} = 1$  and  $p_{y,w} = 0$  if  $y \not\leq w$ . We have  $p_{y,w} \in \mathcal{A}_{<0}$  if  $y < w$  and

- (i)  $\overline{p_{x,w}} = \sum_{y \in W; x \leq y \leq w} r_{x,y} p_{y,w}$  if  $x \leq w$ ,
- (ii)  $p_{x^{*-1},w^{*-1}} = p_{x,w}$ , if  $x \leq w$ .

We have the following result which, in the special case where  $W$  is a Weyl group or an affine Weyl group, can be deduced from the last sentence in the first paragraph of [LV].

**Theorem 9.10.** *For any  $x, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  we have  $P_{x,w}^\sigma \equiv P_{x,w}$  (with  $\equiv$  as in 9.6).*

It is enough to show that  $\pi_{x,w} \equiv p_{x,w}$ . We can assume that  $x < w$  and that the result is known when  $x$  is replaced by  $x' \in \mathbf{I}_*$  with  $x < x' \leq w$ . Using 9.9(i) and the definition of  $\pi_{x,w}$  we have

$$\overline{p_{x,w}} - \overline{\pi_{x,w}} = \sum_{y \in W; x \leq y \leq w} r_{x,y} p_{y,w} - \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x \leq y \leq w} \rho_{x,y} \pi_{y,w}.$$

Using 9.7 and the induction hypothesis we see that the last sum is  $\equiv$  to

$$\begin{aligned} & p_{x,w} - \pi_{x,w} + \sum_{y \in W; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} p_{y,w} - \sum_{y \in \mathbf{I}_*; x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} p_{y,w} \\ &= p_{x,w} - \pi_{x,w} + \sum_{y \in W; y \neq y^{*-1}, x < y \leq w} r_{x,y} p_{y,w}. \end{aligned}$$

In the last sum the terms corresponding to  $y$  and  $y^{*-1}$  cancel out (after reduction mod 2) since

$$r_{x,y^{*-1}} p_{y^{*-1},w} = r_{x^{*-1},y} p_{y,w^{*-1}} = r_{x,y} p_{y,w}.$$

(We use 9.5(v), 9.9(ii).) We see that

$$\overline{p_{x,w}} - \overline{\pi_{x,w}} \equiv p_{x,w} - \pi_{x,w}.$$

After reduction mod 2 the right hand side is in  $v^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}/2)[v^{-1}]$  and the left hand side is in  $v(\mathbf{Z}/2)[v]$ ; hence both sides are zero in  $(\mathbf{Z}/2)[v, v^{-1}]$ . This completes the proof.

**9.11.** For  $x, w \in \mathbf{I}_*$  such that  $x \leq w$  we set  $P_{x,w}^+ = (1/2)(P_{x,w} + P_{x,w}^\sigma)$ ,  $P_{x,w}^- = (1/2)(P_{x,w} - P_{x,w}^\sigma)$ . From 9.10 we see that  $P_{x,w}^+ \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$ ,  $P_{x,w}^- \in \mathbf{Z}[u]$ .

**Conjecture 9.12.** We have  $P_{x,w}^+ \in \mathbf{N}[u]$ ,  $P_{x,w}^- \in \mathbf{N}[u]$ .

This is a refinement of the conjecture in [KL] that  $P_{x,w} \in \mathbf{N}[u]$  for any  $x \leq w$  in  $W$ . In the case where  $W$  is a Weyl group or an affine Weyl group, the (refined) conjecture holds by results of [LV].

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